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FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

First Christian Church

Volume 13

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER 8, 1949

Number 1

**13 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31
A CALL TO THE WHOLE MEMBERSHIP
TO DEVOTED LIVING.**

For thirteen weeks every member is asked to express his devotion to the Church in Prayer—Study Service, Stewardship, Evangelism and Worship.

Our membership is being divided into groups of ten, that every one may be thoroughly acquainted with this program.

One can scarcely find a verse in Christian Devotion in the Bible that does not contain a promise.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of thine increase so shall thy barns be full."

"He that is faithful in few things

shall be ruler over many."

It is inclusive, "Let everyone of You" "Blessed is the man whose delight is in The Lord and upon His Law doth he meditate day and night."

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

God claims our speech, our worship, our experience, our time and our money.
God claims our hearts.

Worship, pray, work, sing, **Give, Share — Serve.** Find joy in these 13 weeks of living a **Devoted Christian Life.**

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

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ing his part of the load, and while the words, "A kicking horse never pulls," only served, at the moment, to increase his anger, they stayed with him all through the evening as he tarried at home while his wife sat in her usual place at church.

It was a hard week. The treasurer was fighting the battle of his life. Fortunately at heart he was a good and just man and one who feared God. Little by little the reasonableness of what the pastor had said on that Sunday became a conviction.

Finally he said to himself, "Yes, I'm willing to pray over it." Then he even got so far as to be willing to read the tract which in his wrath he had jammed down in his pocket on that Sunday morning. But it wasn't easy, nevertheless, to go to church when the Sabbath rolled around. Indeed it is an even chance that had he known before hand the content of the preacher's sermon, his would have been an empty place.

But he was there, and a second time came the pastor's appeal to mean business about Christ's big business.

"Christ claims first place in one's life and how can a man give first place," said the pastor, "to Christ and His programme until he is ready to give Him first place in his pocketbook? These were vital principles under the old Jewish law of the tithe. The old Jews were commanded to pay the first tenth to God, because it helped them to recognize God's first claim on everything. Surely those of us who really will put Christianity first, and mean it, will not hesitate to covenant to pay Him at least the tenth and let it be the first tenth. It will serve as a pledge to Jesus Christ that we mean to keep Him and His Kingdom first."

If the church treasurer had not settled it, he certainly did settle it while the congregation was singing:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
I'll do what you want me to do."

For when the pastor gave the invitation to those who meant business about Christ's big business to the place where they were ready to sign the covenant to tithe, to come forward and do so, the church treasurer was the first man on the spot.

Three lessons we can point out briefly from this story:

First: That Christ wants us to mean business about His big business of reconstructing the world. No getting around this: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Matt. 6:24, 33.

Second: We can't really be sure we mean business about Christ's business until we are ready to "consecrate" our pocketbooks as a part of ourselves.

Third: You can't really be sure that your pocketbook is on the altar until you are ready regularly to pay to Christ's work at least the "first fruit" of your income to prove it. To pay a tithe is to say, "Lord Jesus, I consecrate my all to Thy big task, and here is my tenth to show Thee that I mean it."

The Church Treasurer Who Got Mad ¹⁹

By A. E. PETERSON

It is not a common thing for church treasurers to get mad, but here is the story of one who did.

The occasion was the new pastor's sermon and it made such an impression on the treasurer that when it was over, refusing to shake hands with the preacher, he stamped out of church and went home to give vent to his feelings.

Now the sermon that morning was a straight-from-the-shoulder appeal for business-like methods of supporting the Church of Christ. The preacher called the Kingdom business "the biggest of big business." He pictured the need of the world and Christ's often-forgotten programme to save it. Then he pointed out that you can generally tell the genuineness of a man's interest in the Kingdom by the way he puts his money in. Then he told how some frequently used schemes of raising money were not only unbusinesslike, but were trifling with the great programme of salvation.

Finally the pastor came to the climax of his appeal, insisting with great earnestness that a man should realize that he is a steward of God and that it is poor stewardship to pay to Christ's Church what one thinks he can afford after all other calls have been met. He said that the Lord wanted the "first fruits," that a man really ought to put Christianity first and he should plan to set aside regularly a definite percentage of his income for the support of the Church and Kingdom. That percentage ought to be at least one-tenth—for the old Jews did as well as that.

This was the point when the church treasurer's wrath reached the high spot. He could hardly wait to get into the house before he began:

"That preacher needn't think we don't know how to give. He needn't worry about his salary, either. We've always paid our minister, and we always will. He wants an increase; that's what's the matter with him! But he can't get it."

By this time the wife was making some meek protest, but he went on: "Why, last year I gave \$70 when you figure it all up. The idea of suggesting that a man ought to give ten per cent of his salary! What will he have left for himself?"

Perhaps the Lord didn't have anything to do with it; but anyway when the treasurer's breath gave out and he sought relief in scanning a paper, his eyes fell full on somebody's philosophy:

"A kicking horse never pulls."

Now it happened that he had always prided himself on pull-

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4,	Joseph M. Fitch,	W. C. Birkhold
September 11,	J. Z. Berlien,	Preston H. Somers
September 18,	Dr. A. C. Worley,	Dale Parkerson
September 25,	B. W. Leversee,	F. Wayne Rousseau

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Glenn R. Miller, Captain, H-66688; Earl T. Fusselman, Vaughn Brickley, Mel-dren Kreps, Cecil Rice, Collins Mannan, Alan Bell.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The time is here to order your Christmas cards. Reserve your orders for the Woman's Council. We are a little late in getting samples but we will have a wide variety to choose from within the next few weeks. We will appreciate your co-operation.

NOTES

Our pastor spoke recently before the Rotary Club, and will speak at the Y.M.C.A. Fall Round-Up at Camp Potowami.

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Cora Nowells in the recent passing of her father, Mr. Thompson.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Mattie Yonkman in the recent passing of her mother.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Jack Weicker in the passing away of his grandfather on August 21.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. M. Wagner, 521 E. Masterson, Tuesday, September 13, Mrs. C. Driver will have charge of the program and Mrs. J. Siples will give devotions.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Koster, William Munro and Miss Grace Keiffer represented our Church at Bethany Park, September 2 - 5th, at the Young Adult Conference. Our pastor, Mr. Beck, lead two groups, one on: "Children in The Church and Home" and "Toward A Christian Home." Rev. Joseph B. Fitch, of Lafayette, lead a group in, "Adult Worship." Other leaders included Dr. James A. Crain, Dr. Cleo Blackburn and Miss Anna M. Clark.

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Register even if you are not sure of going. Your \$3.00 will help pay the expense of the Convention. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Chairman, Convention Registration.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

David Alan, born August 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Hall. We wish to congratulate the parents and wish them every happiness.

ILLNESS

Mrs. George Malcom is a patient in Room 515 Methodist Hospital.



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**13 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31
SUNDAY WORKERS TO MEET AFTER CHURCH FOR DINNER**

WHAT IS 13 WEEKS OF DEVOTION?

The members of our Church—Christians—are asked for 13 weeks to live lives of deep Devotion to Christ and His Church.

1. Put the Church—its Worship and Teaching services first on your Schedule for 13 weeks.

2. Enrich your devotion to Christ—by reading the Bible and devotional literature; by observing regular periods for prayer for 13 weeks.

3. Support your Church with your means more liberally. If at all possible, accept the challenge to tithe for 13 weeks, if you are not already tithing.

4. Become interested in others. Invite them to your Church. Inform yourself and **others** what your Church and other churches are doing—such as the **Great Crusade For A Christian World**.

5. Accept Christ's invitation and be at His Table every Sunday during the 13 weeks of Devotions.

The 13 Weeks of Devotion is a united program to build and use the spiritual life and power in our Church. Meditate and Pray—Read and Serve—Worship and Share, in these 13 weeks of Devotion.

Following the Church worship service Sunday, leaders in the 13 weeks of devotion will meet in a covered dish dinner. A Committee composed of Mrs. Dale Hiler, chairman, Mrs. H. M. Llowers, Mrs. George Robinson, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. L. J. Bedford, Mrs. R. H. Cole, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, from the Woman's Council will assist as hostesses.

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homeless could appeal to the church and be served at once in the name of Jesus, how long, think you, before the world would be won to a religion as vital and real as that?"

MONEY AS A BY-PRODUCT

Much of the usual tithe-talk revolves about money; the money we owe; the way it should be paid; and, most of all, how it will come rolling into the Church's coffers as the tithers increase in money and prosperity.

All of which is true enough. But money is not the first or the greatest result of accepting the tithe obligation. Money is only a by-product of tithing.

The average Christian, and, I think, the average minister, think about giving to religious work as a sort of piety-thermometer. Like reading the Bible, or taking time for prayer, the more of all this we do, the better.

But when we think of the tithe as being God's plan for taking us into partnership, we are not dealing with the vague idea of being a better Christian. It is something definite, like joining the Church. Either I am a Church member or I am not. Either I pay the tithe or I don't.

That is all as it should be. The trouble comes when the harassed pastor or Church committee see, as they do in the first moment of looking at the tithe, that here is a door of escape from all their woes.

The tithe **does** produce revenue, but that is not its chief glory, nor even that it produces larger revenue than the old absence of method. The tithe's chief glory is that it is absolutely in accord with the program of our faith.

Now, money is personal, in a most intimate sense. It serves the possessor in a thousand ways.

Well, if as a disciple of Jesus I put his authority first, as a Golden Rule Christian, must I not Christianize my money?

The only way to do that is to admit God's first claim on it, as he has on me. In other words, **to pay him the tithe**. Not as a money-getter for the Church, but to make me a Christian all the way through.

The world has tried for centuries to run its affairs on the principle of "looking out for Number One," and has made a poor job out of it.

Christ's program shifts the emphasis: "Seek ye **first** the Kingdom of God." Of course, "all these things shall be added unto you."

But that is not the main product of Christianity. The Kingdom is the great object and outcome. The Christian's well-being is its inevitable by-product. So is it with the tithe. Obedience, here as elsewhere, produces blessing both spiritual and temporal.

Layman Tithing Foundation, 8 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

A Newspaper Man Tells Why He Tithes

By ROBERT QUILLEN

Mr. Quillen is a well-known newspaper man whose writings have been syndicated and distributed very widely. He is a frequent contributor to popular magazines. The following was written at the request of the United Stewardship Council, the interdenominational organization for promotion of Christian stewardship.

"God's plan is the sensible and business-like plan. At the end of each month I know to a dollar the amount of my earnings, and one-tenth of that amount is set apart as God's share, to be used in his work. It isn't a large sum, but it has increased in size every year since I began to tithe, and I am old-fashioned enough to believe that God had much to do with the increase.

"I was once asked in a meeting of tithers, if the payment of the tithe had not brought me a spiritual blessing, and I answered frankly that I did not know. I do not know how to define a spiritual blessing. It is a careless term, much misused. At any rate, I am content to consider the matter as a cold-blooded business proposition and leave the discussion of the spiritual side to those more competent to understand it.

"Running God's business is much like running any other business. You cannot foot the bills unless the cash comes in. And the greater the amount of cash coming in, the more you can expand the business.

"I think one great weakness of the church is too much sentiment and not enough sound business sense—too much joy in the fact of heaven and not enough sane effort to make earth a little more like heaven. My own opinion is that songs of praise cause much less rejoicing in heaven than an organized effort to relieve the sufferings of humanity.

"Christ drew but one picture of the judgment, and there he pictured men condemned because they had not ministered to their fellows, and others rewarded, because in serving humanity they served Christ. It should be clear enough, therefore, that man best serves God by serving his fellows.

"If this be true, charities of every nature are the peculiar province of the church of Christ and not of secular organizations.

"It will be answered at once that the church has not the money to handle these matters. Certainly it hasn't. And it never will have until it adopts God's reasonable plan. And it never will have the prestige it should have until it follows in Christ's footsteps and goes about doing good.

"If every professing Christian paid a tenth of his earnings into the church, and the hungry, the sick, the maimed and the

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GENERAL COUNCIL SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The School of Missions, sponsored by the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women, will be held at the Simpson Methodist Church, corner Harrison and Sutenfield, September 29-30. It is important that we have at least one representative from each Circle present at this School of Missions.

YOUTH BANQUET

The Youth Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 29, at the Simpson Methodist Church at 6:30 P.M. Tickets, \$1.00.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.

GENERAL COUNCIL — EVENING MEETING

The General Council will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, September 20 at 8:00 o'clock. The Worship period will be presented by the Guild.

The Esther Circle will serve as Hostesses and the Rebecca Circle will have charge of hospitality. Mrs. Dare has secured a speaker from Indianapolis who will speak on the subject, "On The Crusade Road."

The Executive will convene at 7:00 P.M. for a short business session. Treasurers of group are urged to bring their offerings. This is the time when we send our offerings for the first quarter of the new missionary year and we want to send as large an amount as possible.

LET US ALL BE PRESENT. An Out of the City Speaker merits a fine attendance. Guests are welcome.

MEN'S CLASS

The men of our Church are asked to come to the Church School Sunday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m. that they may be charter members of a new class for men being formed in our Church. Colonel Courtney Combs, loyal Disciple of Christ, Industrial Engineer, a fine personality, will be the teacher.

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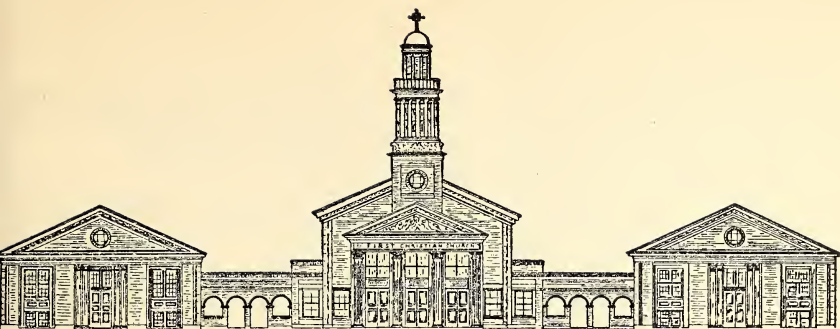
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ILLNESS

Mr. Robert Working is a patient in St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. Lois Pifher is suffering from a sprained ankle.



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13 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS

GREAT INTEREST IN OUR MEMBERSHIP WORKERS

Endeavoring to reach each family.

"He First Loved us," we are told. The reaction is, "We love Him." Cause and effect is here clearly illustrated. Because God first loved us and gave His Son for us. It follows, we love Him. "If ye love Me, keep My Commandments," says Jesus.

Apply this to His invitation to be at His Table.

Apply this to His commandment, "To Give"

Apply this to His invitation to follow Him.

Apply this to His commandment to go and serve and build His kingdom.

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NEW CLASS FOR MEN

Great leadership for Men's Class. **Col. Courtney Combs**, Industrial Engineer and Consultant. **Dale Parkerson**, Leading Business Man and Church Officer, Co-leader.

First meeting this Sunday — 9:30 A.M.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

(Composed of Couples who have been married no more than ten years).

ANNOUNCE NEW LEADERS

Donald B. Grissom, Office Manager of the Midwestern United Life Insurance Company, former teacher of large Class of young couples of First Church in Little Rock, Ark. **Charles E. Fuchshuber**, Vice-chairman of Official Board. Connected with the General Electric Company, Co-Leader.

tithing while in debt has been that with the remaining nine-tenths they were able to pay their other debts more easily and promptly than they had previously succeeded in doing.

"Is the tenth all I should give?"

I have never known, nor heard of, anyone who did not give more than the tenth after practicing tithing for a year or two. Have you? Tithers call all beyond the tenth "Free Will Offerings." But talk of giving more than the tenth by or to those who do not believe in and practice tithing, is like trying to solve problems in mathematics by people who have not learned and do not believe in the multiplication table.

"Suppose I am able to support my family only by close economy; should I pay one-tenth?"

Yes. And if for no other reason than because the remaining nine-tenths will go further.

"Strange logic that. Can it really be true?"

I believe it to be absolutely true, and the reasons are based on the personal testimony of thousands, who have tested it. Will you not try it and prove its truthfulness? Now, I admit that if you should do it for this purpose only, you would, or at least ought to be, disappointed. But I take it for granted that you are a Christian, that you do want to honor God with your substance, that you do trust His promises, and that you want to do your duty. With these motives you will not be disappointed.

"To what objects should I devote the tenth of my income?"

The most comprehensive and, to me, satisfactory answer is that it can be properly applied to every cause which has for its object the upbuilding and advancement of Christ's Kingdom, commencing with the free, strong and hearty support of your own church and pastor.

"What does the advancement of Christ's Kingdom include?"

In my opinion it includes anything you give without expectation or hope of repayment, or even partial pecuniary reward, for the purpose of making people purer, better and happier through faith in Christ and faith in you as an unselfish follower of Christ.

"Suppose that for the present I am not quite decided to adopt tithing my income, but that I resolve to be more liberal. Will not that answer?"

Liberal in what? Paying only a portion of your debt? You owe the tithe. Liberality does not commence until that has been paid.

"Why is tithing an antidote to selfishness?"

Because when you tithe your income as it is received, **you put God first**. When you refuse to tithe, or, in other words, when you refuse to devote in advance a definite proportion of your income to God's service and work, you put **self first**. There is no middle ground.

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How to Tithe and Why

By THOMAS KANE

One of the famous original Kane tracts. It has been read by millions.

"When should I commence tithing my income?"

Now—to-day. Count what income you have on hand and put aside one-tenth of it. Add to this one-tenth of all you receive from day to day, week to week, or month to month and draw from this fund as you have calls for aid in behalf of Christian work.

"Do you recommend this as the best method?"

Yes, for most people; especially farmers, men and women on salaries, wage workers and all persons who are not accustomed to keeping accounts. Professional men, tradesmen and business men who keep a record of their income and expenses prefer, as a rule, to open a "Tenth" or "Tithing Account," crediting this account with one-tenth of their entire net income and charging it with all paid out for Christian work.

"What constitutes my net income?"

If you are a farmer, it is all the money you receive for the products of your farm and the cash value of all your family consumes. From this gross amount it is right to deduct before tithing, all money paid for hired help, seed, feed, taxes, insurance, etc.; also the cash outlay for repairs on buildings, farm implements, etc.

If you are a physician your net income is your entire income less your professional expenses such as office rent, medicines, cost of keeping a horse or a machine, etc.

If you are a minister, it is the total amount you receive less traveling and other expenses connected with your parish and ministerial duties.

If you are a merchant or a manufacturer or a banker, of course you keep accurate accounts. Your net income is the gross profits of your business less strictly business, but not family or personal expenses.

If you are a mechanic, or employe and wage-worker in any capacity, whether by the day, month or year, your net income is your total income less legitimate business expenses connected with your work, such as car fare, etc.

"Suppose I am in debt. Should I not pay my debts before tithing my income?"

No. As well talk about not paying the interest on the money you borrow to use in business because you owe your grocer or other debts. Your Tithe is of all debts the most sacred. Under such a rule, all you would have to do to escape all obligations to give or pay anything would be to keep in debt. Besides (the universal experience of the very large number who have commenced

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ILLNESS

Mrs. H. W. Sigrist is a patient in Methodist Hospital, room 603.

Mr. Verl Pribble has undergone surgery at Lutheran Hospital this week.

Mr. J. A. Forshea is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital.

Robert Driver is confined to his home with a bad ankle sprain.

BOWLING

Every Saturday night at Zion School, East Creighton and Gay Streets, we meet to Bowl. Paul Whitton is in charge. Remember the time, 7 P.M. sharp.

FLOWERS

The flowers in our Church each Sunday have been beautiful. Misses Ethel and Sarah Shroyer have been responsible for many of them. Last Sunday Mrs. H. W. Sigrist sent a beautiful bouquet from her room in Methodist Hospital. We thank all of those who enhance the beauty of our Sanctuary on Sunday.

MEN'S FORUM

Will meet October 2nd, at 6:15 P.M. Dr. James A. Cain, lately returned from six months of observation in Europe and Great Britain will be the guest speaker.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The General Council has beautiful Christmas cards. Please reserve your orders until you have seen this display. Mrs. Clyde Driver, H-91214, is chairman in charge of sales.

13 WEEKS OF DEVOTION

Leaders under the direction of the Co-chairman Couples are: Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Combs, Mrs. E. L. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Roger Symms, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mrs. Kenneth Stickler, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederic Smell, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ripple, Mrs. R. M. Hopkins, Miss Lucile McCarty, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, D. E. Munro, Marvin L. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Orchard, Wm. E. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mrs. C. B. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. C. Yoquelet, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Planton, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bell, Mrs. Richard Benner, B. W. Leversee, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mrs. Eva Mosier, Mrs. Etta Lomont, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hirschy, Mrs. Nellie Newland, Mr. and Mrs. Mel-dren S. Kreps, Mrs. Mary Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Goebel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cole, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Harold Bolyard, Mrs. Lois Pifher, Mr. and Mrs. George Krall, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman.

KICK-OFF — For Youth and Young Adults — 6:30 P.M., Sunday Evening

Grand Program planned — Worship — Discussion — Fellowship — Recreation — Singing — Eats.

Miss Ruby Whisman, Sponsor.

Mr. David A. Griggs, Co-sponsor.

Our Pastor has been elected President of the Fort Wayne Ministerial Association. He was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club at their regular meeting on Tuesday.

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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER, 29, 1949

Number 4

13 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS

SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We begin 13 Weeks of Devotion — Our Families are Responding

Beginning on this great Sunday in the Church year, our people will begin their 13 Weeks of Devotion, when we shall put our Church first in our plans and program. Leaders for this period will keep careful record of Church attendance, beginning with this Sunday.

Fine congregation last Sunday. As all churches observe World Communion this Sunday, be in Church. Come Early—Beautiful service planned—Souvenir Order of Worship.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25
Mrs. Robert M. Scott, Organist

Full Choir
Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director

SERMON: "FINDING GOD IN CHURCH"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

World Communion Sunday

30% Increase In Attendance Last Sunday

Great Adult Classes

New class for Men underway

High School Class begins Loyalty Campaign

Opening Program For Adults and Young People — Classes 9:45 A.M.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE

From Nursery — To Intermediate

See that your Children are in Sunday School

MEN'S FORUM — 6:15 P.M.

DR. JAMES A. CRAIN, recently returned from six months of study and observation in Europe will be the guest speaker:

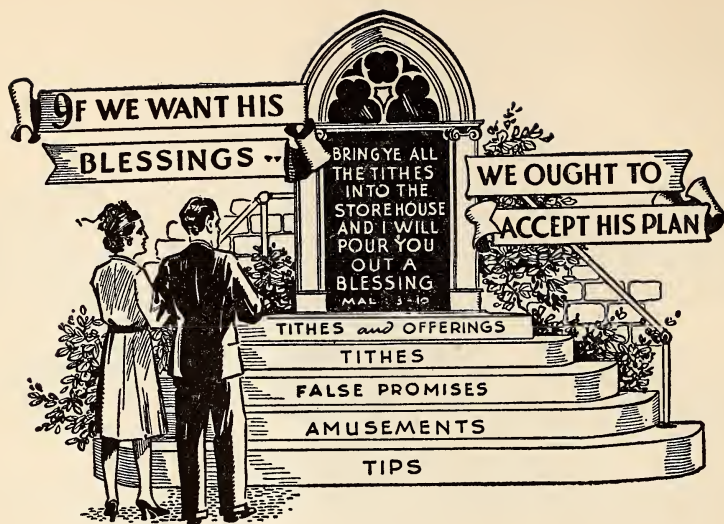
"EUROPE — TODAY AND TOMORROW"

Special Music — Good Eats — Grand Fellowship — Short Business Session

YOUTH GROUP — 6:30 P.M.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RECREATION — DISCUSSION — SINGING



There are five steps on which folks stop in their financial relation to God. They are:

The Tip Step—They give God a dime as they do the girl that checks their hat. They may even give a quarter, and equal their gratuity to the porter or waiter at their club. Surely God is not pleased by such ungratefulness for His blessings.

The Amusement Step—These folks give when, or if, they attend church. It is on the same level as their patronage of the theatre or baseball park. Others may support the church fifty-two weeks a year. They pay only when they go, or as a government official once put on his pledge card, "\$5. per week, when I come". Can we hope for God's blessing on such giving?

The Promise Step—It is a well known fact that many pledge that which they never even try to pay. They impress the church Canvassers with their false "generosity" and do not hesitate to let others know how much "we pledge". What God thinks of this is found in the story of Ananias and Sapphira who made a pledge, had the money to pay it and then held out on God. They were accused of lying to the Holy Spirit, and their punishment was death. False promises do not merit His blessing.

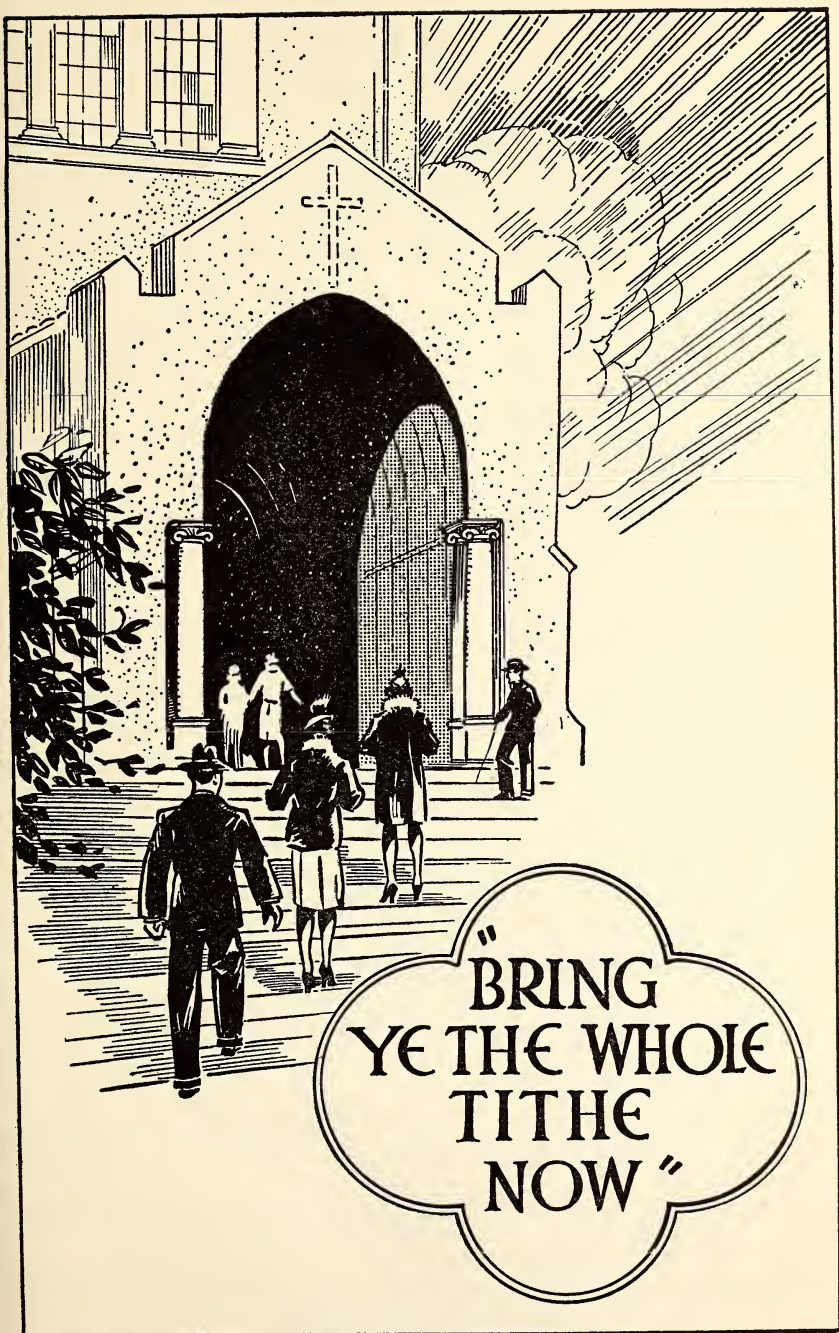
The Tithe Step—Some believe the law of the tithe to be God's plan for all time and therefore binding on Christians. Honesty requires them to pay it. Others accept it as a fair and reasonable plan for recognizing His ownership and their stewardship. But whether we consider it an obligation or a privilege, surely we ought not to do less as Christians than was required by the law. At any rate, God's challenge has never been recalled, "prove me . . . and see if I will not pour out a blessing".

The Tithe and Offerings Step—The tithe of old was the measure of honesty, but the offerings the evidence of love. God, speaking through Malachi, said, "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." The tithe places rich and poor on the same plane. The offerings above the tithe enables the one of large means to show his true appreciation of his greater blessings. May it not be that God is saying to you today as was said to one of old who was occupying a lower place than he should have been, "*Friend, go up higher*".

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DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

C. D. Palmer, Captain, A-56632; Robert Rayl; Martin C. Brudi, K. W. Sefton;
A. L. Gaskill; Merland G. Heller, Leo E. Miller.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 2, Owen Vaught

October 9, Albert Egly

October 16, W. C. Birkhold

October 23, J. Z. Berlien

October 30, F. Wayne Rousseau

Hugh D. Rice

Joseph M. Fitch

Floyd E. Morrical

Preston H. Somers

Dr. A. C. Worley

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, October 5, at 8 P.M. at the Church.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL — CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Dorcas will meet with Mrs. Hugh Rice, Fernwood Drive, on Thursday, October 6, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. E. T. Fusselman will assist the hostess. Mrs. Robert T. Beck will review the book, "Cry, The Beloved Country." Mrs. H. M. Flowers will give the devotions.

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 2125 No. Anthony, for a Guest Dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 5th. Mrs. Charles Paul, retired Missionary from China, will show her collection of Chinese curios.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 So. Fairfield Avenue, Thursday, October 6th, at 2:15.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. W. W. Bundy, 2605 S. Lafayette, Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. J. Z. Berlien will give devotions, Mrs. Carl Hettmansperger will be guest speaker.

HARVEST INGATHERING FOR EMILY E. FLINN HOME — OCTOBER 18

Bring your offerings of food at any time before this date. A box will be placed in east vestibule of Church to receive your gifts.

ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION — FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH — HOST CHURCH

The Annual Fall County Convention of the Disciples of Christ will meet with First Christian on Sunday, October 16, for two sessions at 3:00 and 7:00 P.M.

Counties participating: Allen, DeKalb, Steuben, LaGrange, Elkhart, Noble, Kosciusko, and Whitley.

ILLNESS

Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Libbey, fractured his collar bone.

Paul Edwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hopkins, Jr. has been suffering with impetigo but is now recovered.

Mrs. H. W. Sigrist has returned to her home.

NOTES

Sixteen Teachers and Officers of our Church School attended the dinner given by the Associated Churches honoring Church School Officers and Teachers of Fort Wayne.

Miss Marilyn Crouse and Lowell Dare represented the Youth of our Church at a dinner given by the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women. They were the guests of the Woman's Council of First Christian.

Alexander M. Campbell was on the Air with Thomas I. Emerson of Yale Law School over American Broadcasting System, nation-wide hookup, Wednesday evening at 9:30 P.M.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY — NOVEMBER 4, 1949. Theme: "Pieces for Peace"

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13 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS

PUT CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH FIRST

First Sunday of the 13 Weeks of Devotion brought a large congregation—Many Community Covenant Cards have been received.

The consecrated Christian regards it as his prize duty and privilege to worship God regularly in Church, at least once a week, unless hindered by works of necessity and mercy.

The situation in American Churches should startle us into action. The average Church attendance is 40 percent—less than half the people attend church, less than half the time.

For 15 months 38 denominations of Protestant America will unite in one of the greatest campaigns in American Church history. Christian peoples must support their Church if Christian Civilization is to be solved. Disciples of Christ are leading out. First Christian is leading out in Fort Wayne, Join this great "Onward March."

Blessed are they (WHO?) that hear the Word of God and keep it!

"This do!" said Jesus. Be in Church Sunday. Be about His Table.

Hear **Our Pastor's** message.

Our Leaders in 13 Weeks of Devotion are off to a good start. In entering into this program our people are coming to know each other. "Know your fellow member" is being emphasized.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25
Mrs. Robert M. Scott, Organist
Mr. James Overby, Soloist

Full Choir
Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director

SERMON: "RIDING OUR ANCHOR CHAINS"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Again last Sunday 30 per cent increase in attendance
Six fine Adult Classes — Good Teachers
High School Class with Miss Ruby Whisman and David Griggs Co-sponsors

CHILDREN'S HOUSE

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come first. After time, attention, energy, money have been given to other things, if there be any left the Kingdom may get it. God takes last place instead of first. The main object, therefore, must be to REVERSE THE ORDER. When a man is asked to become a tither, he is asked to establish as a life principle the habit of putting God first. This, of course, gets the tithe, but it does vastly more; it gets the tither. It creates a new race of Christians who put God and His Kingdom where they rightfully belong—FIRST.

2. *To teach men to recognize and acknowledge God's ownership.* God owns the property, land, money and income which we call our own. It is God's world. The gold and the silver belong to Him. This point many church members do not and will not recognize, much less acknowledge. Here the tithing system is vital. The teaching is that the tithe in a special sense belongs to God. We therefore do not ask a man to tithe to pay the preacher, or the debt, but we ask him to pay to God what already belongs to Him. If a Christian will recognize God's ownership of the tithe, he will recognize God's ownership of all.

3. *To teach men that God's ratio of giving is the tenth.* On this point much teaching is necessary. Some have given when they felt like it, and most of the time they don't feel like it. Others give what their fathers and grandfathers gave. Others give as little as possible and still maintain a semblance of religious self-respect. Some give less than one per cent; some less than five per cent. But God's ratio through the ages has always been the one-tenth.

4. *To teach that tithing is an act of worship.* Someone has said that worship is self-giving to God. A man's money is a part of himself, his brain, his brawn, his energy. When he gives money he gives a part of himself back to God. His tithe is not merely answering a temporary financial call; it is given as an act of worship. He goes to the Lord's house on the Lord's day, he mingles with the Lord's people, he partakes of the Lord's Supper, and he puts into the Lord's treasury the Lord's money. It is a supreme act of worship. Now, if a campaign on the tithing system is put upon this high plane, the money will come, to be sure, but a greater result will follow. The whole church will be lifted. Out of selfish, negligent, self-satisfied churches can be made real churches of Jesus Christ.

The MAIN DRIVE, therefore, is to secure, not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not the money, but the man; not the possession, but the possessor.

"To press the principle of the tithe to secure ready money is to do violence against God's purpose as well as against the tither. Preaching high truth for revenue only awakens suspicion. We must not cheapen a great message."

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The Tithe Is—; the Tithe Is Not—!

By BERT WILSON

Most churches are looking for some panacea to cure their financial ills. Almost any feasible plan will be eagerly seized upon by despairing church Boards.

Now we are having an agitation of the tithing system. Many will plan to inaugurate it in their churches. The testimonies are so overwhelmingly conclusive that the **tithing system will produce the money**, that short-sighted preachers and churches may hastily try it out. Their reasoning will be about as follows: "Other plans have not produced the money; we need the money. The tithing system will produce the money; we will inaugurate the tithing system in order to get the money." Thus the main point is missed entirely.

What the Purpose Is Not

1. *It is not to get money to pay off church debts*, nor to pay last year's deficit, nor to pay interest on money borrowed at the bank, nor to pay the preacher's back salary. If any such selfish low motive is presented as a reason for starting the tithing system many members will resent it from the start.

2. *It is not merely a substitute for other worn-out methods of attempting to raise money*. To start out with the attitude, "We've tried everything else, let's try this for a while," half defeats the thing before it starts.

3. *It is not a cure-all to cure the many ills of the church*. Someone reads a tract or hears a testimony of a church wonderfully blessed by tithing. He quickly concludes to rush into the plan with visions of a full church treasury. The committee talks money, the preacher talks money, the board talks money. Money is emphasized out of necessity, because of the stupidity and negligence of the past. Hence the main point or purpose is missed.

4. *Primarily and fundamentally the main drive is not for money at all*. To start the tithing system on such a low basis is to doom it in advance. The church has been waiting for one hundred years to be taught a spiritual motive for giving. The time has come for the church to launch a systematic and continuous campaign, teaching the high motives and purposes of systematic stewardship; these purposes and motives to become life principles among Christian people, financially expressed by religiously paying the tithe to the work of the Lord.

What the Main Purpose or Motive Is

1. *It is to teach men to put God and the Kingdom first*. With most professing Christians self, home, business, pleasure

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Mr. James Overby, soloist with Dr. L. A. Leet, returns to be our soloist this Sunday. He will sing, "By Love Alone."

MEN'S CLASS

Following are the elected officers of the Men's Class. Albert Egly, president; John Z Berlien, Homer D. Shively and Eugene M. Fitch, vice-presidents; W. Harry Imbody, Secretary; Ward Bundy, Treasurer; Col. Courtney Combs, Teacher; Dale Parkerson, Co-teacher.

All Men of the **Church** unaffiliated with a Class are invited.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS — HOME COMING — OCTOBER 9th

The Progressive Class will hold their **Annual Homecoming** on Sunday evening October 9, at the Church from 7 to 9 P.M. This is to be an Old-fashioned Ice Cream social. Come! Bring your family and stay 15 minutes or two hours.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet at the home of Miss Mildren Hutchinson and Miss Mildred Hartman, 719 Union St., Monday evening, October 10th. Mrs. Robert T. Beck will review the book, "Cry, The Beloved Country."

NOTES

David Griggs took the Intermediate and Junior young people on a Nature hike last Saturday. Mrs. Robert T. Beck and Mrs. David Hogg accompanied the group.

Mrs. Roger Symms entertained with a dessert supper, her group in the 13 Weeks of Devotion in her home at 1116 W. Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell entertained their group in 13 Weeks of Devotion in their home at 3023 Pennsylvania.

On Friday the 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Gail J. Roe will entertain their group in 13 weeks of Devotion in their home at 1825 Florida Drive.

BOWLING

Twenty-four were bowling last Saturday according to report from Paul Whitton. Come as near 7 p.m. as possible at Zion School on East Creighton and Weisser Park.

INVITATION

Miss Grace Kieffer and William E. Munro invited the Congregation to attend their wedding at Banquo Christian Church, Saturday evening, at 7:30 P.M.

SICK

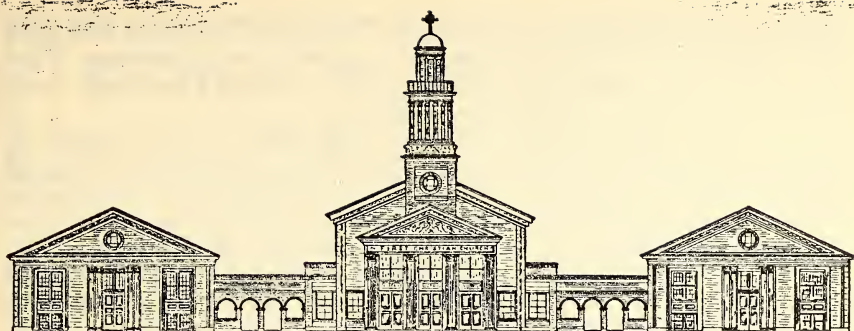
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13 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS

THE BEST YEARS OF A MAN'S LIFE

Best Years —between 17 and 70
Best Hours—between Sun-Up and Sundown
Best Strength—vigor between Youth and Old Age
Best Mental Effort—Those choice hours after sleep

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with
ALLThy strength" "That is the first and great
Commandment. Said Jesus—"If religion is anything, it is everything."
Take my love, my Lord, I place
At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, All, for Thee.

SUNDAY is LAYMAN'S SUNDAY

Across our Nation Laymen will be speaking their loyalty to Christ and His Church.
This Sunday representatives from The Men's Forum will participate.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 Full Choir
Mrs. Robert M. Scott, Organist Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director
Mr. Rolland Ripple "Man, The Church and The Community"
Col. Courtney Combs, "Man, The Church and The World"

SERMON: "A MAN STOOD UP TO PREACH"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

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BOWLING

Remember be at Zion Bowling Alleys promptly at 7 o'clock Saturday.

object. When Sunday came around I went to The Purse and took out the fixed sum I had promised to give in my envelope. Particular charities had always appealed to me, and I had sent them what I happened to be able to spare.

I knew what I felt was the proportion I could assign to them, and I decided to devote to them the same amount I had in the past wrenched out with a painful and painstaking generosity. When these fixed sums were settled I was at liberty to do what I pleased in the way of giving what was left of the tithe.

Until I tried it I never could have believed the beautiful sense of freedom I experienced. To have the money actually in hand when a call came was a totally new sensation.

The way in which it accumulated was another astonishing thing. I had never supposed a tithe could increase like that! The small wad of bills grew and when there came a call for some real need it took little time to make up my mind what to give.

As always, I had to weigh the comparative importance of the demands, but when this was resolved there was no struggle to determine where I could cut down and how I must retrench in order to make my offering.

The fact that I have never kept a systematic record of my gifts prevents my ascertaining if I am bestowing more or less than used to be my habit. That is not the point under consideration. The great gain I feel I have won is in peace of mind. I don't mean only in the sense of a duty fulfilled and a command obeyed. These, too, have their effect, but the cessation of worry and the relief from frequent and taxing decisions as to how much I can contribute stand out more than all besides.

I must acknowledge one temptation to which I almost succumbed. My regular income I had decided to tithe systematically, but I had not thought of unexpected receipts, and when a check came for a good-sized sum that I had not anticipated I was rather disposed to put it down to uncovenanted mercies and to feel that it stood outside the compact; this was an extra!

I tried to think of nothing but the respectable aspect it imparted to my bank account and the need I had of it all to meet various purchases and expenses. And then I began to feel ashamed. Was I actually bargaining with God? Was not this money his, too? All my old arguments that had been so satisfactory in times past fell from me. The tenth of that check did not belong to me. It must go with the rest into God's storehouse.

So there is where I stand and hope to continue to stand on the matter of tithing. I went into it as an experiment; I shall remain in it as a proven proposition—proven as a means of winning peace of mind, freedom from worry as to duty and as to donation; proven in a sense of satisfaction in recognizing God with one's substance. That is what it means to me.

To Me, It Has Proved Itself

By CHRISTINE TERHUNE HERRICK

It was a pamphlet on stewardship that finally converted me to tithing. It was "A Catechism of Christian Stewardship," by Ralph S. Cushman, and the brochure was issued by the Inter-church World Movement in connection with its stewardship campaign. The point was emphasized that all our possessions are God's, that we receive them from him, hold them in trust for him and are responsible to him for the use we make of them. The way in which the matter was phrased impressed me.

I began to think of the wonderful mercies I had received and was receiving every day. My mind nimbly plagiarized the saying that if a man will trust his wife with his name, his honor and his children and will not trust her with his money, it is easy to judge which is to him the most precious of his possessions.

If I were willing to put into God's keeping my heart and soul and life and those of my dearest on earth, and yet held back a due proportion of my personal substance, did I not imply that this was of more value in my eyes than anything else? Could I not give to his work at least the tenth he had asked of the Jews?

Finally, after much pondering, I devised a compromise. I was willing to try anything once. I would give the tithing system a three months' test and see how it worked. So when the next installment of my modest income was placed in my hands I took out one-tenth of it and tucked it into a purse in a private drawer of my desk.

I confess that at first it was hard to get the habit. A tenth looks like a good deal when you are not earning a princely stipend. Probably it seems even bigger if you have a larger income, but I did not think of that.

I own that I figured out once or twice what a neat little sum I could save for myself if I put this money into the savings bank every week, but my inconvenient Biblical memory reminded me of the condemnation pronounced upon putting one's hand to the plow and looking back.

But now the other side asserted itself. Before I had been following the new method for three weeks the comfort of it began to make itself felt. The money I set aside I simply considered I did not have. I reckoned my income to be just that much less than I had been receiving, and all I kept for myself really belonged to me. I could do with it what I chose. Then came the first fruits of the delights of the plan.

I did not have to make allowance for so much that I must put in the plate or manage to send to missions or contrive to contribute to the disabled ministers' fund or to any other pet

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MEN'S CLASS

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BASKET-BALL

The Call has gone out for basketball players for the Church Team. The team is looking for a good coach.

OUR PASTOR

Recently our Pastor spoke before the Masonic Consistory Club at Garrett. Before the Membership Luncheon at Y.W.C.A. and at a banquet of the Men and Women of the Bethany Presbyterian Church.

GENERAL COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE will meet at 1:15 P.M. Tuesday, October 18th. The General meeting will begin at 2:15 Miss Glen Harter, Superintendent of the Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged, Marion, will be our guest speaker. This is our Harvest Ingathering for the Home at Marion. The Naomi Circle is Hostess. Devotions by the Dorcas Circle.

ANNUAL HARVEST INGATHERING FOR THE EMELY E. FLINN HOME AT MARION

We have added interest in the Flinn Home since one of our members, Mrs. Rhoda Depotty, is now a member of that family. Since the new wing has been completed the Family has grown double in numbers. We must increase our gifts of food in proportion to this rapidly growing family. A large box has been placed in the East Vestibule to receive your gifts. Bring them NEXT SUNDAY.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

THE SICK: Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. Estella Shockey, Very Pribble, Mrs. O. G. Schell.
THE SORROWFUL: We wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. F. E. Morrical in the death of her father on October 5th. And to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brott in the death of their infant son on October 10.

WEDDING BELLS

William Munro and Miss Grace Kieffer were united in marriage at the Banquo Christian Church, Saturday, October 8th. Our pastor officiated at this wedding.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clair E. Buskirk in the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Lee, on October 4th.

W.O.W.O.

Tune in WOWO each Thursday evening at 9:30 P.M. A fine program by the Associated Churches on personal problems. Next Thursday, Dr. Bonnell will discuss, "A Case of a Person Mentally Ill."

YES, THEY LOVE THE CHURCH!

It is an event when one comes and says, "I am Tithing for these 13 weeks of Devotion." An event in Eternal things—On the envelopes of some come the message, "My Tithe." Rich promises are held out in our Bible for these people. These deepen the life of the Church. Such devotion is inspiring.

ONE DAY FALL CONVENTION

Indiana Christian Missionary Association — Oct. 16, 1949

Afternoon program at 3:00. Evening Meal at 5:30. Evening program at 7:00. Mrs. H. B. Marx, Dr. Paul Preston and others will speak.

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Volume 13

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, OCTOBER 20, 1949

Number 7

13 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS

This is the 4th Week! — How is your Record?

God claims our **Worship** and our **Time**

God claims our **Money** and our **Study**

God claims our **Hearts** and our **Service**

"As oft as you do this - - Do this in Remembrance of **ME.**"

This is well and good **IF** — They fail not to build up Christ's institution which
He has entrusted us to Build — His Church.

Nothing In The World is so ideal or important as the Service Christ has set before
us who are members of His Church.

EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE

Great Congregations — Our leaders are working. If one calls you, Thank him,
and ask him if you can help — Then Help Him! Deepen and strengthen the
Spiritual life of our Church!

COME TO WORSHIP AND COMMUNION, SUNDAY!

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Full Choir

Mrs. Robert M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director

SERMON: The Desire To Be Different

PREACHER: Our Pastor

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BOWLING

Remember be at Zion Bowling Alleys promptly at 7 o'clock Saturday.

a method, even God's original method, for raising money. I have been watching it lift ideals and standards and horizons. It has even lifted me and raised my values. I know, for I was there when it was done.

It Is a Fact!

He who runs through the churches can read in big letters why some of them are at low ebb. They are cluttered with the junk of money-raising devices that are neither impious nor immoral, but you just watch them scrapped when the church gets its nerve and begins to tithe! Are there not churches so busy raising their finances that they can only dream of getting out and reaching folks? To free their hands would be to free their souls as well, and would set them going for God. The titheless church is likely to be a nerveless church; it dare not move unless the Aid Society chart the whole way or some rich member pave it for them. Finance is a ball and chain in many a church. Tithing would give it wings for leaden weights.

Abundant Proof

Has not Malachi 3:10 been demonstrated again and again among us? I can mentally call the roll of the churches that I have seen lifted by the tithe. I can call another roll of people and churches who are being shriveled because they would not squarely face the step that took faith and decision of character.

CONDENSED "LAYMAN" EXPERIENCES

In my opinion children enjoy tithing more than older people. Of one thing I am sure, both by experience and observation, the size or amount of our gifts bears an extremely small relation to the pleasure of giving. This applies to people of all ages.

I have never either sought or received many testimonials from wealthy people or large givers. What they give is interesting as news and as we think of the good their large gifts will help in having done. There is one fact however, about them which is of the utmost interest and importance. I have never known or heard of a giver of very large amounts in this or any other country who did not commence tithing very early in life.

This is a fitting place and opportune time to put in a single sentence the experience of an average lifetime. I have never seen or known a long-faced tither. All I have ever known wear smiling faces. Knowing, as we all do, that the seat and source of all real happiness is within us, is not this fact of the utmost significance?

Your Tithe is an Automatic Revolver

By DAN B. BRUMMITT

Of all the plans, methods, devices, schemes, and proposals for financing the work of the church, *the tithe is the only one which always and everywhere collects itself!*

This is a pretty tall statement, but its reasonableness can be easily shown. There are three proofs, at least.

The tither either keeps his tithe in a separate purse or a box or keeps an account of his income, and of his offerings. Otherwise he couldn't possibly tithe.

A pretty large proportion of non-tithers keep no detailed, concrete account of their "giving." They keep one in their feelings, usually; but that record operates like a deranged taximeter: it registers at least twice for every revolution of the wheels. Few non-tithers realize how little they give.

The tither never looks at his accumulating tithe and thinks it too large. If he did, that moment he would cease to be a tither.

The non-tither looks less frequently at his ability, and more often at the multiplying "calls."

This is the reason that an increase in statements of need tends to draw less money out of non-tithing pockets, by the law of diminishing returns. Tales of need soon cease to excite friendly interest; rather they irritate and dismay, when the individual has passed the point of giving "all he can afford."

The tither never thinks of the tithe as his own, and therefore he pays it out promptly in behalf of its owner.

The non-tither thinks of all his money as his own, until the moment of parting from it. So he is inclined to delay the separation as long as possible, and postpone it to the day of his death if he can.

Among all the innumerable benefits of the tithe, O brethren who fear its legalism and its literalism, is this: cheerfully and promptly and without asking any discount for cash *it collects itself*. With every revolution of the sun which brings new income to the tither, the tithe also revolves into full-orbed view. It is an absolute safe and harmless automatic revolver!

Malachi 3:10 Still Works

WILLIAM H. PHELPS

More Than a Method

The tithe has gradually ceased to be with me a matter of money and has come to be an affair of the heart. I am apt to forget that it is

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**Free Parking—West, Rogers Drive-In — East, Tibble-Yarnell Parking Lot.
 MEN'S CLASS**

The Men's Class is serving coffee and doughnuts at 9:20 Sunday to its members and visitors. All men not affiliated with other Classes are invited.

BASKET-BALL

The Call has gone out for basketball players for the Church Team. The team is looking for a good coach.

YES, THEY LOVE THE CHURCH

"Pastor, the three people I invited are in Church today," said one member. "I am bringing a family to Church with us next Sunday," said another. "I was praying for you while you preached, and it was a fine sermon that did me good," whispered a member as he left the Church. "If you need someone to call on a prospective member, call me this week," said a faithful member of our Church.

OUR MEN

Layman's Sunday a great success. Fine messages by O. O. Vaught and Col. Courtney Combs. Men's Forum meeting November 16th.

THANKS TO WOMEN OF COUNCIL

Our women served a fine supper for those who attended the Area Fall Convention of our Churches in eight counties.

ANNUAL HARVEST INGATHERING FOR THE EMELY E. FLINN HOME AT MARION

We have added interest in the Flinn Home since one of our members, Mrs. Rhoda Depotty, is now a member of that family. Since the new wing has been completed the Family has grown double in numbers. We must increase our gifts of food in proportion to this rapidly growing family. A large box has been placed in the East Vestibule to receive your gifts. Bring them NEXT SUNDAY.

ADULT CHURCH CHOIR

The Adult Choir met recently at the home of Mrs. Robert Scott for rehearsal and a social hour. The following group of officers were selected: Alan Bell, president; Mrs. Jerry Brubaker, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Eva Mosier, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Fahl, librarian; Mrs. L. A. Horn, publicity chairman; William E. Munro, social chairman; Mr. Owen Vaught, music chairman for the Church. Those interested in singing in the Choir should contact Mrs. Schiller or some member of the Choir or come to practice on Thursday evening at 7:30 sharp.

GENERAL COUNCIL

THE EVENING GUILD: Buy the nuts for your Christmas baking and candy making from any member of the Evening Guild. Unbroken pecan meats \$1.10 per pound. Pecan brittle at \$1.10 per pound.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Mrs. Clyde Driver is chairman for the sale of Christmas cards this year. Please see her when ready to place your order.

MARTHA CIRCLE: The Martha Circle will again have Saltwater Taffy for sale this year. See any member to order.

ILLNESS

Dwight Flowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, has been ill at his home. Mrs. Estella Shockey is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Word has come that Mrs. Rhoda Depotty, who recently underwent surgery in the City Hospital at Marion, is improving favorably.

COME DOUBLE CLASS HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Young married Couples of the Church are invited by the Come-Double Class to their Party, Saturday evening at 7:30 in the Church Basement. Come masked. Entertainment Committee, Don and Pauline Eyer; Food, Carolyn Kreps and Elsie Robinson; Decoration, Myron and Romaine Cole; Teachers, Don Grisom and Charles Fuchshuber.

International Convention — Cincinnati, Ohio — October 25-30

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These are the weeks for us to consider prayerfully our relationship to God and to the Church of Our Lord.

All of Us are Stewards!

When we become Christians we are to carry through this obligation as Jesus would have us do.

We have our talents, our strength, our personalities, our time and our money. Where will we deliver these valuable gifts? That will depend on our love. "Where a man's treasure is there will his heart be also."

A CHRISTIAN because of **his love for Christ**, for **His Church** and because of his love for the souls for whom **Christ lived and died**, will bring to the Church his treasured store.

It is **L-O-V-E** that constrains us to place our time, talents, influence, personality and our money into the service of the Lord of Lords, even Christ our Saviour.

At His Table each Sunday we wait to praise **His Name** and to receive **His blessing and guidance**.

We appreciate the loyalty of First Christian people. We can deepen and enrich our spiritual life as we put Christ and His Church **FIRST**. We test our lives by **HIS**.

This Sunday we shall observe the same Communion Service as is being held at Cincinnati on that very day on the Anniversary of our **100 Years of Co-operative Work**. Souvenir Bulletins for all.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT SERVICE

15,000 will attend in Cincinnati! Help fill our Sanctuary in Fort Wayne.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 Full Choir: Anthem: "Give Thanks and Sing" by Harris
Mrs. Alan Bell, Soloist

Our Pastor's voice will speak to us though he will be in Cincinnati at the Convention. A 20th Century possibility that could not have occurred 100 years ago.

Mr. Frank Ruf, representing The Associated Churches will also bring a message. SERMON: "No Time To Take A Recess."

Our pastor will speak Sunday from the Ninth Street Baptist Church Pulpit in Cincinnati, as a representative Pastor of the Disciples of Christ in Convention.

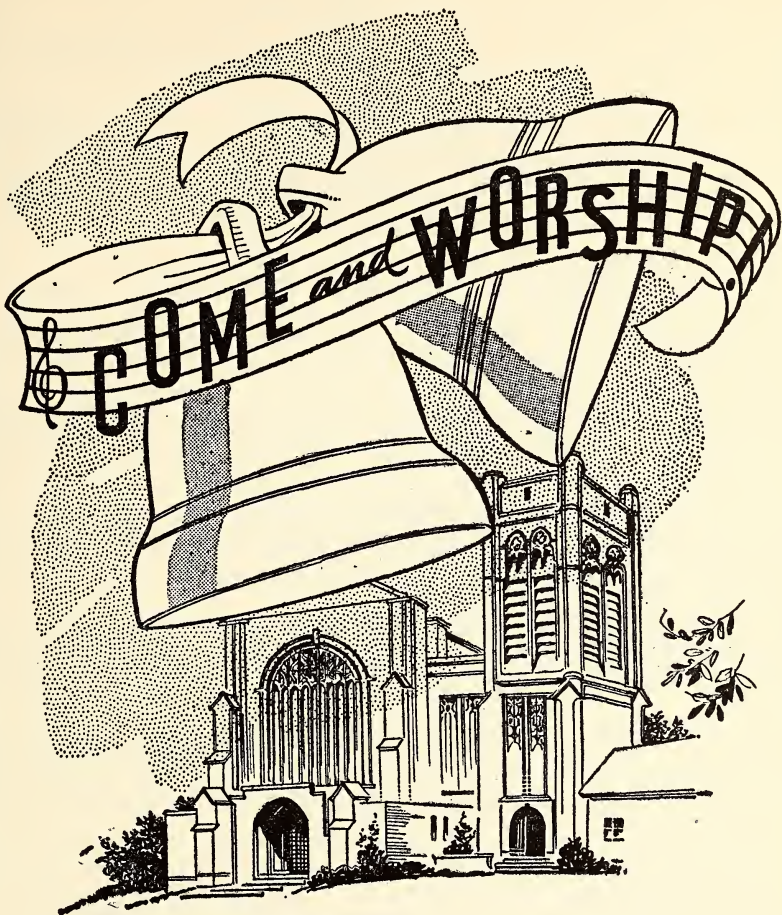


CHRIST AND THE TITHE

He paid the tithe. The Pharisees, who constantly sought to entrap Jesus, were meticulous in keeping the law of the tithe. Had He not paid it, they would have undoubtedly accused Him of robbing God. This question, however, was never raised. This is in strict accord with His declaration, "I came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it". Moreover, when He rebuked them for neglecting the more important things of the law, He hastened to add that they were not to leave tithe-paying undone.

He has a right to receive the tithe. The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews gives an entire chapter to the superiority of Jesus, our High Priest, to Melchizedek, the Priest King. The greatness of the old priesthood is evidenced by its right to receive tithes, which are mentioned eight times in nine verses. But Jesus is greater than Melchizedek. If men, therefore, paid tithes to the lesser, shall they not pay them to Him who is greater than all, since He ever lives. And, since Melchizedek was worthy to receive the tithe in the old dispensation, surely Jesus is rightfully receiving them in the new.

"Now consider how great this man (Melchizedek) was, unto whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils. And they indeed of the sons of Levi that receive the priest's office have commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law. . . . And here men that die receive tithes; but there One (receives tithes), of whom it is written that He liveth".—Hebrews 7:4, 5, 8.



Our Saviour

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isaiah 53:4-6

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Last Sunday's Front Bank carried an article by Professor Davis of Hiram College which told of Miss Sally Braden winning the Ann Clarke fellowship to study nursing in Western Reserve University. Miss Braden is the Granddaughter of Mrs. Ray Woodhull.

OUR PASTOR

The November issue of the Bethany Church School Guide carries a feature article on "The Marriage Ceremony," by our pastor, in which he discusses pre-marital pastoral Counselling, the obligation of the Church to newly-weds, as well as the discussion of the Ceremony itself. This magazine is for the guidance of Church School teachers and officers.

ATTENTION — YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUTHS

Registrations for the Area Youth Meet will be taken by Miss Ruby Whisman and Lowell Dare next Sunday morning. This Meet is to be held November 6th.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Harold Roberts, 1702 Tilden Ave., Thursday, November 3, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. John Hill will assist the hostess. Mrs. Albert Egly will give a paper on "Home Builders are World Builders." Mrs. Howard Wise will give the devotions and Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey and Mrs. Kenneth Lytle will sing.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 4017 S. Fairfield Ave., Thursday afternoon, November 3, at 2:15. The Group will pack their "Pieces for Peace" at this meeting.

The Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, November 2, with Mrs. Miller Ellingham, 820 W. Wayne St. Mrs. Kenneth Stickler will give the devotions. Mrs. Albert Egly will give a book review.

Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry Lomont, 1126 Fairfield Ave., Tuesday, November 1. Mrs. Mae Sheline will give the devotions. The afternoon will be given over to sewing and the group will pack their "Pieces for Peace."

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. Leo Blair, 221 No. Seminole Circle, Tuesday, November 1st. Mrs. W. W. Bundy will give the devotions. The group will pack their "Pieces for Peace."

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Janice Lynn, born October 20, to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Norton, Hazelhurst Drive, at Lutheran Hospital, Room 456. We wish to express our congratulations and best of good wishes to the proud parents. Mr. Norton is President of our Men's Forum.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Powell Simonton is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

CHINESE TEA

The General Council is sponsoring a Chinese Tea, Thursday, November 10, at 2:15 at the Church. The Social Committee are in charge of arrangements with Mrs. Dale Hiler and Mrs. J. Frederic Smell, co-chairmen. Mrs. Charles Paul will speak on China and will display her Chinese robes and other curios.



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NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

What is Christian Stewardship? "The Investment of our whole life for God"

That began consciously with you when you became a Christian. God let's you be the director or Captain. You can determine where portions of this investment will go — These are yours to invest — Your talents — your personality — your strength — your time — your money. YOU are responsible for their distribution — their destiny.

The Bible is full of this subject. One-half of Jesus' Parables, in one way or another, refer to Christian giving. It is important to The Church and is most important to you how we treat our Stewardship.

Across our land Churches of our Nation will try to get this responsibility before the people. You will hear of it on the radio. — In many journals. You will see it discussed. Christian giving is a subject which no Bible student can escape. — No Christian steward can evade.

Your own Church will climax this emphasis on the 20th when in an unusual Communion service we shall express our stewardship in worship. In the meantime many of our members will be preparing themselves to give to each one of us a complete picture of our Church work and the great program of our Church.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Full Choir: Anthem: "Brother James' Air"

Special Duet: by Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. Robert Fahl.

by Jacobs

SERMON: "BLIND ALLEYS"

PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

Large Congregations are an indication that our people are finding help in these 13 Weeks of Devotion.

Great Congregational Singing

Beautiful Choir Music

Your Church and your Master calls you to worship Sunday.



A Nation That Robs God

The book of Malachi was written in the midst of a spiritual depression. Israel had been slowly drifting away from God. This was shown by their offering the blind, lame and sick of their flocks and herds. They were neglecting the worship of God's house and saying, "What a weariness it is." Moreover, they were dealing treacherously, brother against brother. The start of it all seems to have been when they became dishonest with God in failing to bring to Him the tithes and offerings as He had commanded. But now the time for the coming of Christ draws near, and God calls upon them to

prepare for His coming by a return to Him. He then issues a sweeping condemnation, saying they are cursed with a curse, for the whole nation has been robbing Him. He calls upon them to bring in the tithe to His storehouse and promises in return a great blessing. It should be remembered that this re-instatement of the tithe is for the coming of the Christ. It is to be given in preparation for His advent. But the important question is, "What does God think of the nation today that gives only a fraction of a cent per dollar to Him through the channel of His storehouse, the Church?" If He called Israel a nation of thieves, where must we stand in His sight?

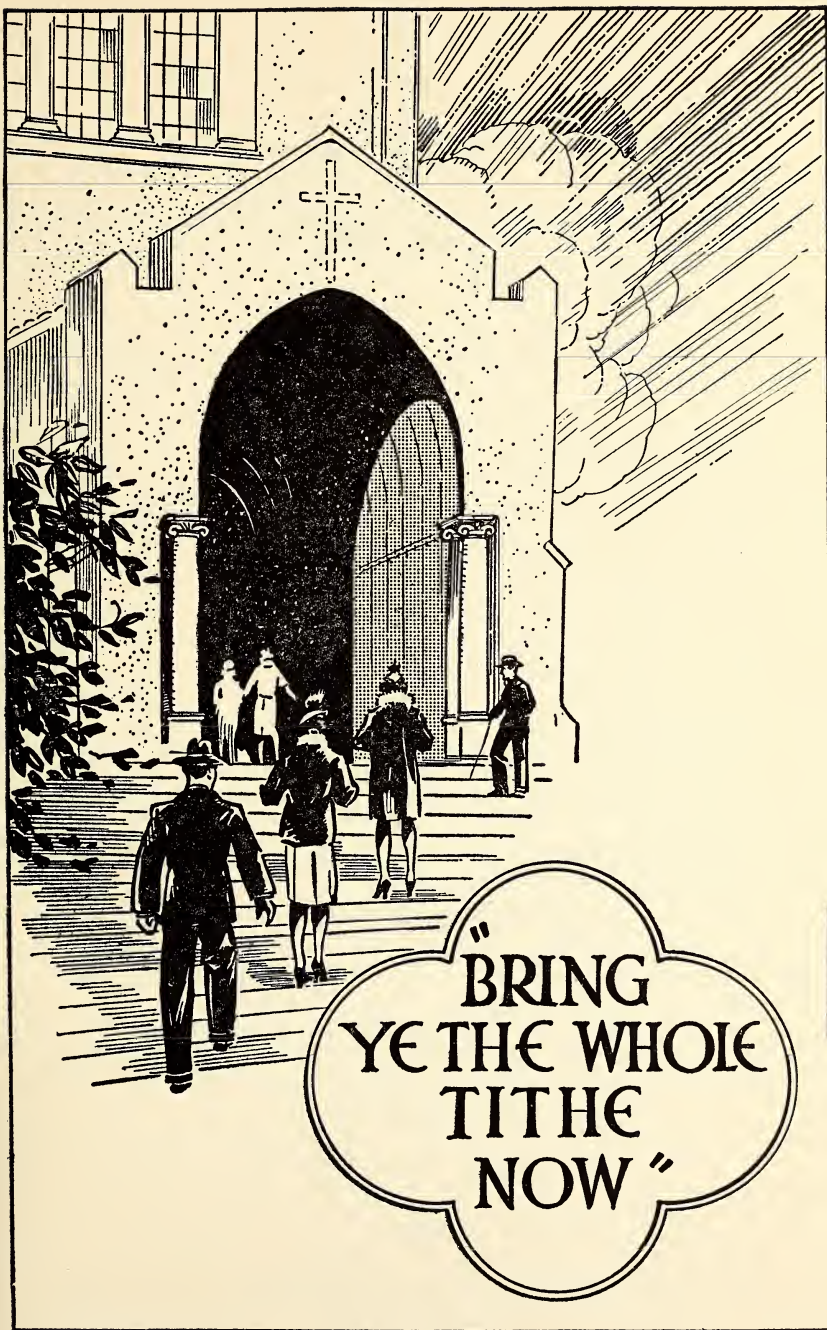
"And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, it is no evil! And when ye offer the lame and sick, it is no evil! . . . Oh that there were one among you that would shut the doors, that ye might not kindle fire on mine altar in vain! . . . Ye say also, Behold what a weariness it is! . . . Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers? . . . Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire, behold, he cometh, saith Jehovah of Hosts. . . . Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye rob me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it." (Malachi 1:8, 10, 13a; 3:1, 7-10).

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AREA YOUTH MEET

Sunday afternoon the Area Youth Meet will be held in the West Creighton Avenue Church. Our Youth group will put on the worship service for this **MEET**. Lowell Dare has served on the Committee. David Griggs will present the Crusade Challenge. All Youth who can should register and go. Registration and Dinner for \$1.00. Study. Enjoy Recreation. Worship with the Youth of this Area.

REBECCA CIRCLE

The Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Jerry Brubaker, 1204 Stophlet St., Wednesday evening, November 9th. Election of Officers.

EVENING GUILD

The Guild will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave, Monday, November 14.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL — CHINESE TEA

The Woman's Council is planning a Chinese Tea for Thursday, November 10 at 2:15 P.M. Arrangements are in charge of the Social Committee composed of Mrs. Dale Hiler, chairman; Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Irene Cline, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mrs. H. M. Flowers and Mrs. Charles McKinney. Mrs. Charles T. Paul, former Missionary to China, will be the guest speaker and she will be introduced by Mrs. J. Frederic Smell, co-chairman. Mrs. Paul will show her collection of Chinese Gowns and other curios. Refreshments will be served by the committee. **ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PARTY AND BRING THEIR FRIENDS.**

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 6, Dale Parkerson
November 13, Floyd E. Morrical
November 20, Hugh D. Rice
November 27, Albert Egly

B. W. Leversee
Owen Vaught
Joseph M. Fitch
J. Z. Berlien

DEEACONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Arza Smith, Captain, H-15765; Wm. M. Moffitt, Fred H. Wilson, Romaine H. Cole, Richard Schrecongost, J. Hugh Tracey, Wm. H. Crouse, Rolland Ripple.

BOARD MEETING

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, November 8 at 7 O'CLOCK at the Church.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. H. H. Stevenson in the recent death of her grandmother, Mrs. Phebe Sturgis.

ILLNESS

Mr. Cecil Kinzie is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Nettie Funk is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

Powell Semonton who was in a plane accident Sunday is in the Methodist Hospital.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Woman's Council has a fine selection of Christmas Cards. Mrs. Clyde Driver is chairman.



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NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Our Opportunity Has Come

Let This Be Your Decision — "I will give out of a grateful heart."

This month millions of Christians across America will give an answer to the Paganism of the World and its challenges. In pledging their support to the Church in the American Way, they will make effective the best news the World has ever heard, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

YOUR CHURCH BUDGET

Calls for \$418.26 per week. A total of \$23,010.50 per year. \$3500 is for the Crusade for A Christian World. \$2926.50 is for Benevolence and the World Work of the Church, and the support of our Living Link, Paul C. Kepple. The balance is to carry on our program in Fort Wayne and vicinity.

OUR WAY

Sherman G. Myers heads the Program. The Division Generals are, Albert Egly, Alan C. Bell and James R. Shockney. Under each General will be four Captains. Under each Captain five workers.

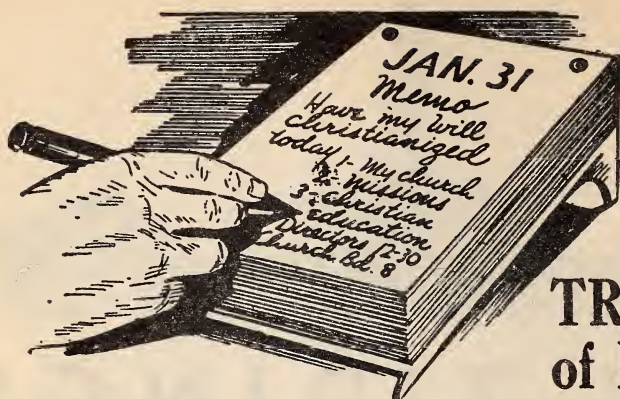
Detailed budget has been mailed to each family. Study the Budget. The Membership will be called upon. In Prayer, make up your mind.

To meet growing responsibilities your Church urgently needs: (1) **More of yourself**; (2) More of **your** service. God's work suffers unless you serve. (3) More of **your** gifts. Increased needs, rising inflation, God's work will be curtailed unless we sacrificially give more.

Dinner for all workers and Committees and leaders will launch the program, Monday evening at 6:45 o'clock. **Rev. Erwin Kuth, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, guest speaker.**

Please open your doors and your hearts to our workers who are giving their time liberally for your Church. Cordially invite them into your home, they are your Christian Brethren.

GREAT CONSECRATION LOYALTY COMMUNION SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 10:00 A.M.



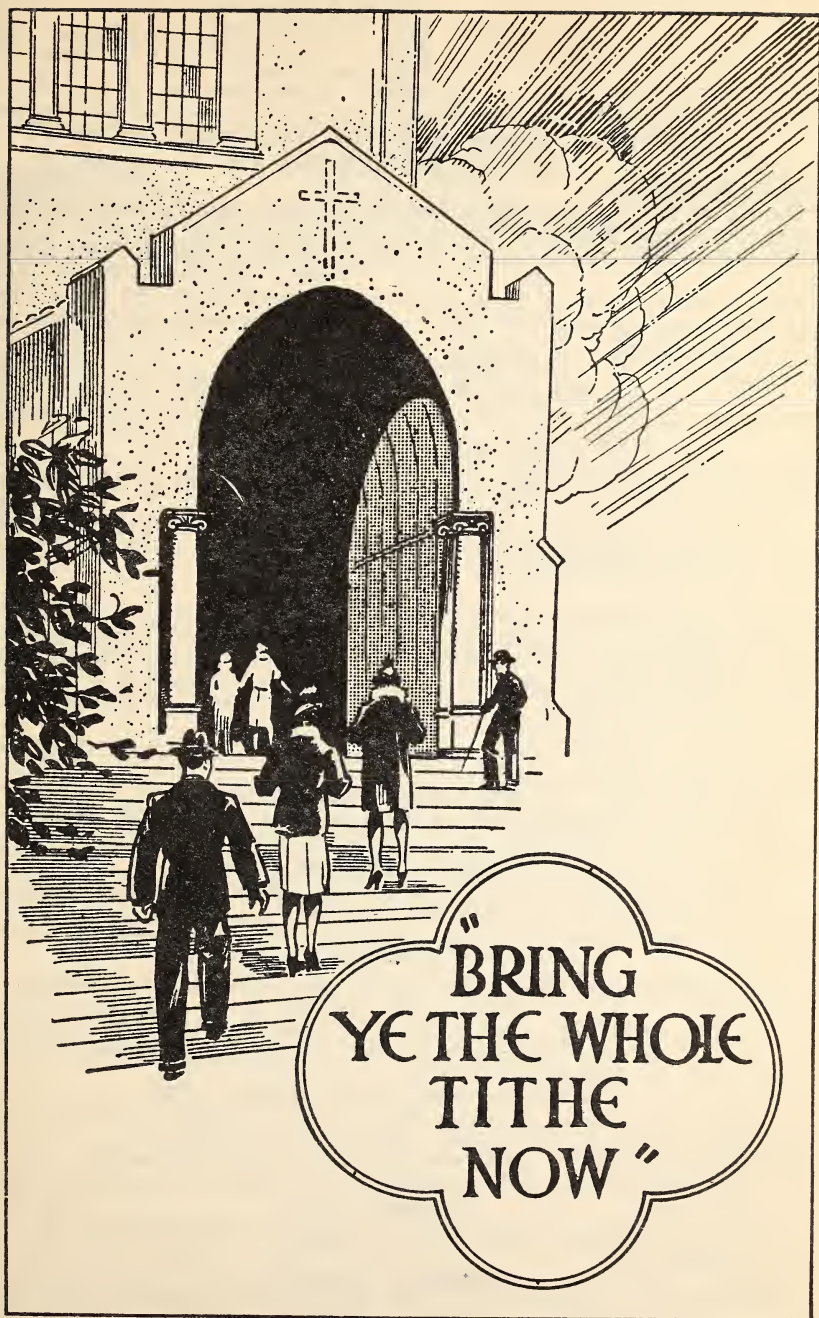
The TRAGEDY of DELAY

The story of the ten Virgins who went to meet the bridegroom gives us the wisdom of early and the tragedy of delayed investment for Christ. All of them apparently had money to invest in that which would give honor to him. Moreover, they seem to have been willing to make the investment. However, five of them did so, but the other five put it off. The first five honored him and were honored as his guests at the marriage feast. The other five go down in history as five willing but negligent fools who lost a golden opportunity to honor the bridegroom and to sit at his table. But somehow as Christians we have not gotten hold of the message of this parable as we should. A multi-millionaire wrote many years before his death, after a visit to the Orient, "In all my life I never saw such opportunity for the investment of money that anyone sets apart to give to the Christ who gave Himself for us. . . . I felt a lump of regret in my heart that I had not been wise enough to make these investments myself, and wished a hundred times I had known twenty-five years ago what I learned a half year ago." Yet, he put off making a will, and, when death came, his vast fortune passed over to one not so interested. "The door was shut" to the investment that he might have made to the honor of the Bridegroom Christ. Now is the only time that we may ever have to invest for Him. It is so foolish to put it off. The making of a Christian will is a prudent thing. To delay in arranging our investment for Christ is off to lose a great opportunity.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Come ye forth to meet him. . . . And the foolish . . . while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut." (Matthew 25:1-10).

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**DISCIPLES of CHRIST and BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP GROWS
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Organ Prelude: 10:25

Full Choir

This is the Sunday that across America Northern Baptists and Disciples of Christ exchange pulpits.

SERMON: "Take Heed"

Preacher: Rev. J. Frank Lansing
 Pastor, South Wayne Baptist Church

Baptists and Disciples of Christ are now publishing jointly, The Secret Place. In 1952 these two Communions will have their Conventions at the same time in the same City.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

November 20 Church School 10:00 A.M.

Recognition given to the largest attendance on Consecration Loyalty Sunday.

Each Class is to use best methods to have 100%

100% Classes to be recognized

CO-CHAIRMAN COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fuchshuber are the Co-Chairman Couple for November. We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice who acted in that capacity during the month of October.

ADULT CHOIR

Our Church Choir is a growing organization. New members this year are: Mrs. Kenneth Lytle, Mrs. Dale Hiler, Nancy and Patty Stull, David Griggs, Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber. We are happy to have Mrs. Fred Wilson with us again after an absence of several months. Following rehearsal next Thursday evening, a party will be held in the Social room of the Church.

ILLNESS

Mr. Wm. Shoemaker is a patient in Methodist Hospital. Grover G. Cahow is ill at his home, 1629 High Street.

A NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. James Presnell are proud parents of a new baby daughter. Both mother and daughter are doing well at Lutheran Hospital.

AREA YOUTH MEET

Lowell Dare is the representative from this Church on the Area Youth Committee. He was elected at Youth Meet Sunday.

IT'S FOR YOU

Great Meeting for Church Men of 8 Counties in North Eastern Indiana
 November 16th at 6:45 P.M.

First Christian Church — Host Church

Dr. F. E. Davison, Past President of the International Convention, Top-flight preacher, to be the Speaker.

Five Leading Ministers to be MINUTE MEN

Men's Forum — First Christian Church hosts to this great meeting. We must have a guarantee of number. PLEASE NOTIFY AT ONCE.

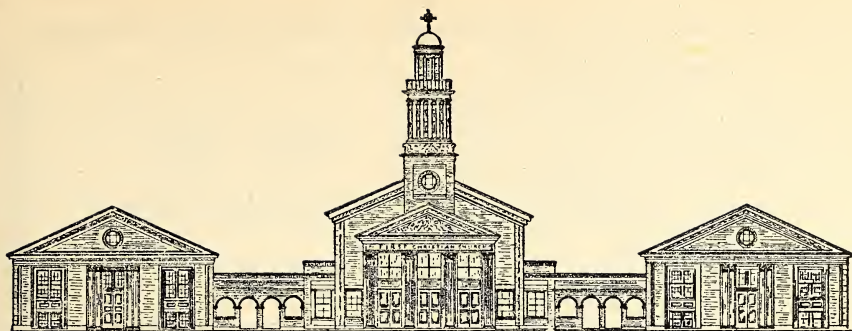
Come! Sing! Eat! Fellowship together. Dinner 1.25 per plate.

EVENING GUILD

The Guild will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave., Monday, November 14.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Executive will meet at 1:30 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15. The regular meeting will be at 2:15 P.M. "Peace" is the theme for our Worship period given by Mrs. Charles Dare, Martha Circle. The Ruth Group is in charge of Program. Rachel Group will be Hostesses and Dorcas Circle in charge of hospitality.



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13 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS

CONSECRATION LOYALTY OBSERVANCE SUNDAY

WORSHIP 10:00 A. M.

COMBINED SERVICE — CHURCH AND CHURCH SCHOOL

Gifts and Lives Will Be Consecrated

at the Lord's Table

Deacons will lead Congregation to beautiful Tables covered with white Linens

Elders will serve the Worshippers

The Loaf and Wine

All who come before 10:00 A.M. will receive White Crosses. Those who come at Ten o'clock will receive Red Crosses.

Recognition to be given to Classes having 100% attendance.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Special music will be presented in a duet by Mr. Owen Vaught and Mr. David Griggs; in a vocal solo by Mrs. L. A. Horn and in a Trombone solo by Mr. Morris McNally. The Anthem will be directed by Mrs. E. C. Schiller. The Organ Voluntaries will be played by Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott.

The Offering and Gifts will be placed

In Golden Colored Urns

SERMON

FEAR, AND THE POWER OF MAN, AND THE RULE OF GOD OUR MINISTER

The Progressive Class will have charge of the attendance and presentation of Crosses.

Mr. Floyd Morrical, Chairman of Board of Elders will have charge of Communion. Mr. Alan Bell, Chairman of Board of Deacons, and Mr. Robert Ashe, vice-chairman, will have charge of the deacons.

Mr. Cecil Rice, Superintendent of The Church School will recognize 100% Classes.

Find Yourself Through Faith. Come to Worship This Week and Consecrate Your Support of The Church



The new global maps bring a new emphasis to an old command. “Go ye into all the world”, the Master said twenty centuries ago. Then, the world was an unknown sphere of unconquered distances. Travel was limited to the donkey, the camel and the sailing ship.

Today, as the maps used by the airplane reveal, the whole world is a neighborhood. No spot in the inhabited world today is more than two days by plane from New York. “Only the stars are foreign”.

Thus, the great mission fields of Japan (65 million), Russia (193 million), India (352 million), and China (475 million) are no longer distant. This fact has led a great Christian statesman to say, “In the years ahead the nations of the world as we know them will either live together or they will die together . . . Live or die, they will do it together.”

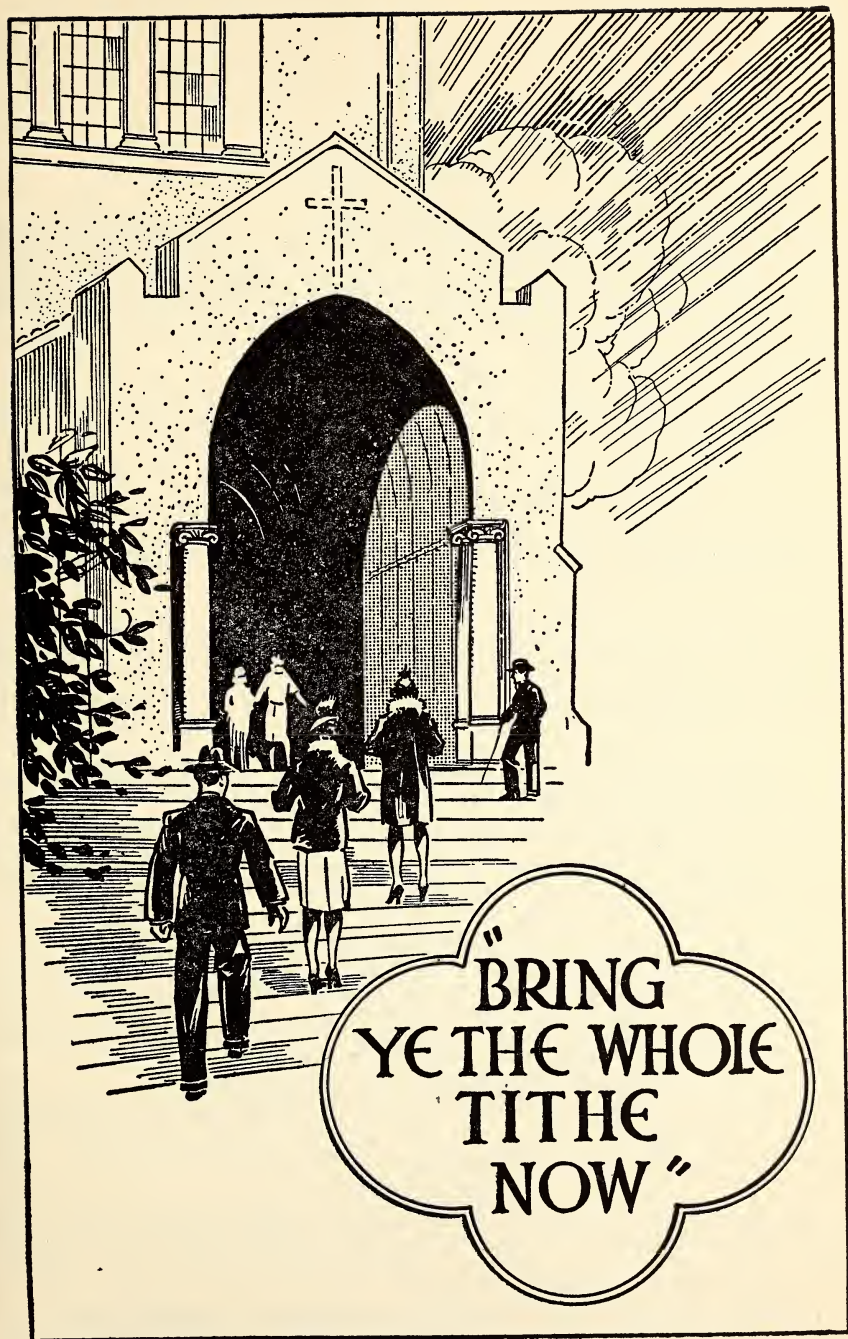
But, for nations to live together as Christians, they must know Christ. Missions have become our “first line of defense”. “For He is our peace who hath broken down the middle wall of partition . . . so making peace”. Here is the only way to peace.

When, therefore, we as Christians render under God, one-tenth of our income to advance His kingdom throughout the world, we hasten the day when the whole world may live at peace. We must choose between the cost of war, with its mounting taxes, and the cost of peace — The Tithe.

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LOYALTY STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

After the launching dinner on Monday evening over 50 workers are visiting the members of the church.

"Every member a contributing member" means we should guide our children to make their pledge to the Church and have their own individual envelopes so they may worship with their gifts.

Albert Egly's Division and those under James Shockney and Alan Bell are all active trying to make their goal of \$7250 each. It will mean real giving — Give until you know you have given — The next God's blessing. The names of those working will be published in next week's Tidings.

BOWLING

Bowling at Zion Bowling Alleys each Saturday. Be there by seven, sharp.

BASKETBALL

Our basketball team is off to a good start. Watch for announcement of games.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come-Double Class will hold a party Saturday evening, November 19, at 7:00 in the Church dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Steadman Fountain will act as hosts.

ILLNESS

Mr. Wayne Rousseau is ill at his home, 926 W. Wildwood. Mr. Grover C. Cahow is a patient in room 173, Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Kenneth Stickler has undergone surgery in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. George C. Robinson is also a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital having undergone surgery. Miss Elaine Jones has been ill at her home, 615½ Lawton Place.

SYMPATHY

Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Leo E. Miller in the recent loss of her brother. Mr. Walker made his home in Montana.

We also wish to express sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Nellie Newland in the recent loss of her brother, Mr. Edward Mitchell, who made his home at Normal, Ill.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Hope Shockey in the loss of her dear mother, Mrs. Estella Shockey. Mrs. Shockey has been for many years a loyal and faithful member of our church.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trump, R.R. 4, Columbia City, in the birth of a daughter at Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Trump was formerly Miss Betty Traeger and is a member of this Church.

We also wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clendenen, Waynedale, in the birth last Sunday of their daughter, Lois Marie.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, VICTORY SUNDAY

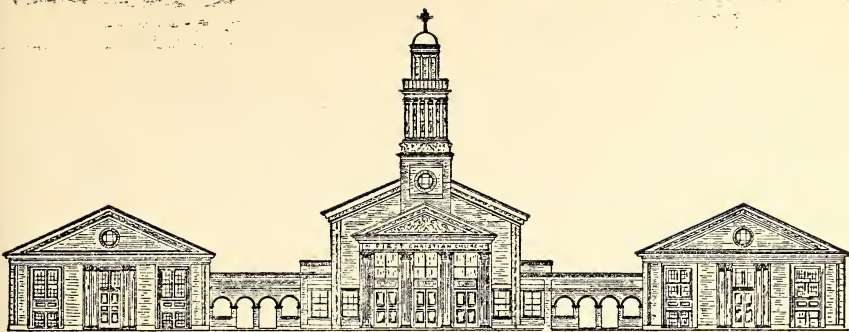
This Sunday which will be our VICTORY and THANKSGIVING SUNDAY will see reports and the register on our Thermometer of the success of our teams. The names of those who have worked will be published in the next Tidings.

OUR PEOPLE

Workers making the Every Member Visitation report **most courteous** and a **most Christian reception** in our homes. Many are **increasing their pledges** to the Church. Our workers, busy people, are giving generously of their time. The rest of us appreciate their loyalty and sacrifice.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE — WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30

Our choir will furnish music — Rev. Edward Collier will preach and Rev. E. C. McKee will preside — as hosts, our members should endeavor to be present.



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THIS SUNDAY IS VISITORY SUNDAY and THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Sherman Myers, chairman of the Board of Finance reports 80% of the Budget for 1950 was subscribed by last Sunday. Workers are continuing this week. Thermometer will indicate progress made by Victory Sunday.

Most of our members are increasing their pledges, quite a number doubled their pledges, some tripled the amount pledged this year. Our Tithers are proving faithful.

Our membership is becoming better acquainted and better informed about the work of the Church. Increased cost must be met and members are urged to increase if possible, their pledges this year. The response is gratifying. Little less than 2/3 of membership have been visited at this counting.

Many homes have brought peace and goodwill as our Master instructed His **first disciples** in the 10th chapter of Matthew.

The following attended the training school and helped in the solicitation: Rev. Robert T. Beck, Alan Bell, Glenn Miller, Cecil Rice, Clayton Yoquelet, C. E. Fuchshuber, Robert Ashe, Dudley Planton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers, Hugh Rice, Phillip Ripple, Collins, Mannan, Dale Hiler, Wm. Munro, D. E. Coffman, Albert Egly, Don J. Eyer, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, R. H. Cole, John S. Craig, B. W. Leversee, Mr and Mrs. Gail Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Orchard, J. L. Brubaker, George Bruckman, W. C. Birkhold, Sherman Myers, R. R. Ripple, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Kenneth Lytle, Robert Working, John Berlein, M. C. Brudi, C. E. Buskirk, George Malcom, Eppie R. Baker, Mrs. Charles Dare, C. D. Palmer, Wm. E. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Symms.

The Captains were Glenn Miller, Chas. E. Fuchshuber, Owen Vaught, Courtney Combs, Robert Ashe, Mrs. Henry Flowers, Wm. Munro, Don Eyer, R. H. Cole, B. W. Leversee, Gail Roe, and Hugh Rice.

The Division Leaders were Albert Egly, James Shockney and Alan Bell. Mrs. E. N. Schlatter arranged the Communion tables for Sunday. The flowers were from Mrs. Stickler.

YOUTH LOOKS TO THE CHURCH! THE CHURCH LOOKS TO YOU!

Three hundred and sixty-five days a year the doors of your Church swing open wide to rich and poor, to young and old, to those who rejoice and those who mourn and without distinction of race or creed in the name of Christ renders a loving and faithful service.

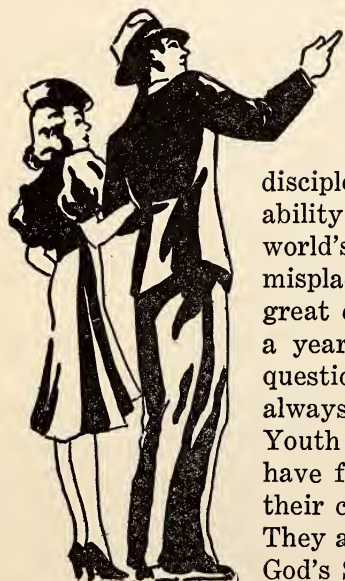
You expect the Church to stand for the highest and best in the community, to present an intelligent defense against wrong, to train our youth for creative living, to proclaim a vital gospel and to render an unselfish service to all. You, as a citizen of the community expect this, and you have a right to do so.

But, to render such a service takes the support of *Folks like you!*

What can the Church count on from you this year in carrying on the work of our Lord and Christ?



*You see, dear, the church will
always be our friend.*



"I write unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and have overcome the evil one." Thus the great disciple, John, expressed his confidence in the ability of youth to meet the challenge of the world's sin. That this confidence was not misplaced is seen in the fact stated by a great church leader, "There has never been a year in modern missions when it was a question of getting young life to send; it has always been the lack of money to send them. Youth has been willing to do its part, but we have failed them". The whole world awaits their coming with the message of Salvation. They await the bringing of our TITHES into God's Storehouse that they may go.

**THE WHOLE WORLD LOOKS TO CHRISTIAN YOUTH!
CHRISTIAN YOUTH LOOKS TO YOU!**

"I WILL PAY MY VOWS
IN THE PRESENCE
OF ALL HIS PEOPLE"



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CHURCH WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Sermon: "Carrying Through"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Great service last Sunday, make This VICTORY SUNDAY a great day for God and You . . . **Be in Church this Sunday**

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

Our Church School had a fine report Sunday. 3 Classes had 100% attendance. The Class taught by Mrs. Robert T. Beck; Class taught by Rolland Ripple, the Lakoda Class, and the Class taught by Mrs. David Hogg.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING THIS SUNDAY. Give to our Young Peoples Conference - Schools and Educational work - Bring your offering this Sunday.

BOWLING

Paul Whitton urges bowlers to be present as near 6:45 as possible Saturday.

BASKETBALL

Our players are showing fine form. Watch papers for time and place of game.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang for Miss Betty Schweikhart and Charles Eugene Hebbler on November 6th, 1949.

ILLNESS

Maurice Siples is a patient in Methodist Hospital, Room 534. Miss Clarissa Magner is a patient in Methodist Hospital, Room 602. Mr. Eppie R. Baker suffered broken bones in his back when he fell at his home. He is in Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Anna Schenck, mother of Mrs. J. F. Smell is very ill at her home R.R. 12 Maumee Road. Mrs. L. E. Semones is quite ill at her home in Ossian

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. J. C. Varner and Mrs. Helen Croxton in the recent death of their grandmother, Mrs. Jerry Finney.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard Wise, 2030 Nelson St., Thursday, December 1. Mrs. Paul Whitton will assist the hostess. Mrs. Kenneth Dibble will give the program and Mrs. Cecil Rice has charge of the devotions. There will be a 25c gift exchange.

ANNUAL BAZAAR and SUPPER

The Annual Bazaar and Supper sponsored by the Woman's Council will be held November 30th. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock. Tickets are \$1.25. This is one of the main projects of the Council and your support will be greatly appreciated. You will enjoy the dinner and the fellowship.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater on Friday evening, December 2.



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COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY IS WOMAN'S DAY

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Sermon: by Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Missionary to India.

Fine Congregation

Excellent Music by a growing choir

This Day is one of the Great Days of our Church Year

Report on Stewardship Program

At this writing about 85 per cent of our budget has been subscribed, something less than 100 families are to be seen. **52 One dollar per week pledges - 26 two dollar per week pledges or 14 Tithers** would put our Campaign over the top. If you have not pledged why not make an appointment through the office.

The nominating committee composed of H. W. Sigrist, chairman, Henry M. Flowers, B. W. Leversee, Sherman G. Myers and Mrs. David Hogg reports Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

Begin with the First Sunday in December and make this a 100 percent Month in Sunday School attendance. Offering for Thanksgiving will be carried over this Sunday.

WE SALUTE

Mrs. Clyde Driver who planned and carried through a number of large dinners in the last two months for the Woman's Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe who have made 91 calls in our Every Member Canvass.

Mrs. Roger Symms who efficiently and pleasantly served as Secretary of the Finance Campaign.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to express our sincere good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. William Miller in the birth of their daughter on Saturday, November 26. Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Miller are the proud grandparents.

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. Olive Roy and their family, in the recent passing away of their beloved sister, Mrs. Cecile Myers.

We also wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. Cecil Rice in the recent loss of her father.



Tithe and Taxes

There are those who confuse the tithe with taxes, thinking the tithe took care of both. The Scripture teaching, however, shows them to be distinct and separate. In Exodus 30:16, we read of a poll tax of a half shekel on rich and poor. Samuel warned that Saul, as king, would demand "one-tenth of all the seed and flocks," in addition to other levies (I Sam. 8:14-17). Later (10:27), we read of a revolt against the payment of this tax. While under Rehoboam they pleaded for lighter taxes. Heavy taxes were laid upon them by the Assyrians (II Kings 15:20), by the Persians (Neh. 5:4-5), and by the Romans. In fact, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, while Mary and Joseph were there to re-enroll in response to the decree of Caesar Augustus that the tax lists must be brought up to date. Moreover, Jesus paid tribute at Capernaum (Matt. 17:24-27). And, when the Herodians asked Him, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?", He said unto them, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's". (Mark 12:13-17). Thus we see that the tithe and the taxes were not identical at any time of history. The paying of the one never offset the paying of the other. In fact, the Jew paid "tithes," "tributes," "taxes" and "tolls," perhaps at times one-half of his entire income. And part of the time it was undoubtedly a great deal more than half. Yet, in addition to all this, he gave liberally through the offerings. In the light of these facts, our obligation to the State today does not offer a legitimate excuse from paying a tithe to God.

“Bless the Lord”

“Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name . . . For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him . . . Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.—Psalm 103:1,11,22



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ILLNESS

We are happy to report that Mrs. Anna Schenck is improving.

Both Mr. Cecil Kinzie and Mr. Eppie Baker, recently hospitalized, are now at home.

STATISTICS SPEAK

According to Sexson Humphreys, State Editor of the Indianapolis News, the figures from 70 denominations show a total of 1,672,417 Hoosiers are members of Christian Churches in the state, out of a total population estimated at 3,994,000 by the Census Bureau as of last July 1.

More than 1,000,000 of Indiana's church members are included in four denominations—Roman Catholic, Methodists, Disciples of Christ and Northern Baptist. The following indicate the membership of a number of these Denominations.

Roman Catholic, 396,226; Methodist, 344,050; Disciples of Christ (Christian churches), 176,341; Northern Baptist Convention, 108,831; Evangelical United Brethren, 87,896; Presbyterian Church in U.S.A., 80,187; Lutheran Missouri Synod, 76,659; Evangelical and Reformed, 39,045; Congregational Christian, 23,557; Church of The Nazarene, 20,645; American Lutheran Church, 13,184; Churches of Christ, 12,858; Mennonite Church, 5,356; Wesleyan Methodist, 4,435; United Missionary Church, 2,207; Unitarians, 832.

WOMAN'S DAY

Sunday, December 4, is Woman's Day. "Woman's Day provides a time when the women of the church seek to lay upon the hearts of the entire congregation the claim of the missionary program for the whole hearted understanding, interest and support." We have secured **Mrs. W. B. Alexander** as our speaker of the morning. Mrs. Alexander has served as a missionary in Central Provinces India for thirtyfive years, being active in work with the Indian women and young people. She is a very friendly person and we know you will enjoy listening to her message. The Offering will aid the local Council in reaching their yearly missionary goal. This will also be added to the total missionary giving of the Church.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 4,	Dr. A. C. Worley,	Dale Parkerson
December 11,	F. Wayne Rousseau	Owen Vaught
December 18,	Preston Somers	Floyd E. Morrical
December 25,	W. C. Birkhold	Hugh Rice

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Clayton Yoquelet, Captain, A-39930; W. H. Imbody, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Robert E. Working, Ralph J. Richard, James R. Shockney, Chas. E. Fuchshuber, J. E. Tracey.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet December 7 at 8 P. M. at the Church.

GENERAL COUNCIL

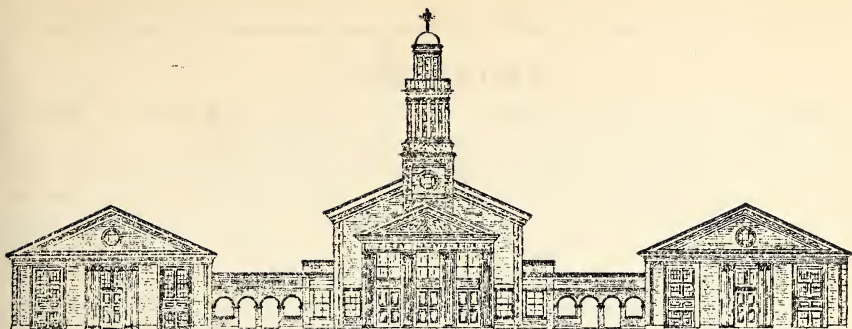
The Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. G. A. Kress, 1226 W. Jefferson St. on Tuesday, December 6, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Nellie Newland will give the Christmas Story and the Circle will have a Christmas Exchange.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 E. Masterson for a Christmas Dinner at 12:30 on Thursday, December 8. Mrs. Albert Egly will give the Christmas Story. The group will bring articles of food to fill a Christmas basket for some needy family.

The Naomi Group will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Frederic Smell, R.R. 12, Maumee Rd. for their Christmas party on Wednesday, December 7, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. H. G. Helmuth will tell the Christmas story. There will be a 25 cent Christmas exchange.

The Rachael Group will meet with Mrs. Clyde Driver, 720 Oakdale Dr. on Tuesday, December 6, for a pot-luck dinner at 12:30. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will give the devotions and Mrs. Albert Egly will tell the Christmas story. There will be a 25 cent gift exchange and a white elephant sale.

If You Pay Your Church Dues to the End of the Year Your Church Can Pay Its Bills in Full



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SUNDAY IS UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Anthem, by Choir

SERMON: "What Has God Done With You?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music by Trio: Mrs. Kenneth Lytle, Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey and
Mrs. L. A. Horn.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Plans looking toward Christmas will be announced and discussed in various departments and classes.

The Youth group beginning next week will publish a weekly paper. David Griggs is the sponsor of the Youth group and is being assisted by Eugene Munro.

OUR WORKERS

Our workers in the **13 Weeks of Devotion** are in the last three weeks of their program. According to reports 66 per cent of our people have been in Church. Help your leaders to get 100 per cent before the end of the year.

Those having prospective names for Church Membership please call or write the Office.

MEN'S FORUM

Dinner Sunday Evening, 6:15 P.M.

Professor Alexander Tarics will speak on "Life in Hungary". Former Chief City engineer of Budapest, Dr. Tarics came to this country last Christmas. He is on the staff of Indiana Technical College. Teaching Civil Engineering. Dr. Tarics received his Doctor's degree from the University of Budapest. Alan Bell will be at the piano. Rolland Ripple will lead the singing. Jack Norton, the president, will preside. Special music from the Men's Chorus.

SEND IN RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

For 1950 will be on tables at the rear of the Sanctuary. They will be arranged alphabetically. CHECK NAME ON BOX, BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN.

WEEK OF EVANGELISM VISITATION

December 12 to 16th.

"THANK YOU"

Today was a big day in Wema. The new station truck arrived. We all took a short ride this afternoon and pronounced it splendid.

You who take good transportation for granted cannot appreciate what this is going to mean in easing the burden of work here, as well as making possible closer supervision of all evangelistic work. All our supplies, heavy building materials, and equipment which must be taken on visits to the villages will now be carried on the truck rather than on men's backs.

To all who have had a part in making this possible we want to say thank you.

Clayton Weeks, Wema, Africa

(All who have shared in the support of the foreign missions program through the United Society will feel pride in this advance in Christian service.)



The Churches at Work

Summertime is a busy period for the churches of Buenos Aires, Argentina, just as it is in our own land. But remember, their summer is November, December, and January.

Last November saw ten students graduating from Union Seminary from an enrollment of 57. In the new term, our Colegiales Church had three students enrolling.

Colegio Ward, with an enrollment of 1,274, graduated 92, the largest class in its history.

Two laboratory schools were conducted by the Confederation of Churches in Buenos Aires, one of them in our Colegiales Church. Our pastors, young people, and missionaries shared in their planning and conduct.

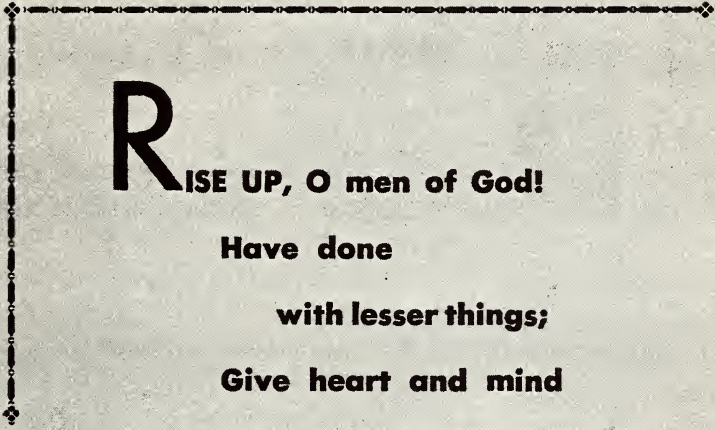
During the pre-Christmas season five evenings were given to open-air evangelistic meetings, held under the auspices of the Confederation of Churches. There were 60 meetings in 22 different localities, with attendance from 30 to 90 in each. For 15 groups, children's meetings were conducted on the opposite side of the street. On the fifth evening a mass meeting was held on a large downtown plaza.

Sr. Eulalio Burgos, pastor of our Saavedra Church, was largely responsible for the organization, arranging for speakers, and securing permission for the services.



MISS MARGARET SHAW of West Plains, Missouri, was commissioned a missionary to Belgian Congo on May 17 by the United Society. She had first met with the board of trustees a year previously for acceptance as a candidate for missionary service. In the intervening time she has been studying at Kennedy School of Missions.

Her previous training has been in the field of nursing, and she will serve in one of our hospitals in the Congo Mission. It is the plan that she will sail this fall.



RISE UP, O men of God!

Have done

with lesser things;

Give heart and mind

and soul and strength

To serve the King of kings.

Wm. P. Merrill

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BASKETBALL

Our team won the last game from Church of The Brethren, 14-13. This leaves us with a "three won and one lost" record. Our next game will be against undefeated Westminster Presbyterian, Friday, December 9, at 7:15 P.M. at Zion's Hall.

CHOIR

The new choir members are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Benner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, Miss Wana Cloyd and Mrs. Rena Weigele. Miss Anita Fitch is making a card file of our music supply. A rehearsal and Christmas party will be held at the home of Mrs. L. A. Horn, Thursday, December 15. Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey is assistant hostess

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Council Executive will be at 7:15 P.M. Tuesday, December 13. General meeting at 8 P.M. Officers for 1950 to be installed are: Mrs. Owen Vaught, President; Mrs. Charles Dare, First Vice-President; Mrs. Harry Lomont, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Irene Cline, Recording Secretary; Miss Elaine Jones, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Treasure. Circle Presidents: Mrs. Joseph Siples, Rachel; Mrs. Courtney Combs, Naomi; Mrs. Fred Wilson, Ruth; Mrs. Alan Bell, Rebecca; Mrs. Charles Dare, Martha; Miss Nancy Woodhull, Evening Guild; Mrs. Marion Favory, Esther; Mrs. Harold Roberts, Dorcas. Mrs. David Hogg is in charge of Installations. Rev. Robert T. Beck will give the Christmas program. Rebecca Circle is in charge of Worship. The Executive Committee will serve as hostesses and the Evening Guild is in charge of hospitality. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to be present.

REBECCA CIRCLE

The Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. O. G. Baugher, 818 W. DeWald, Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 P.M. The group will have a 25c Christmas exchange. The program will be a Christmas Story.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Progressive Class will hold their Annual Christmas Party at the Church on Friday, December 16th. A Potluck dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. Members, please bring your table service. There will be a Christmas gift exchange.

COME DOUBLE

The Come Double Class will hold their annual Christmas Party at the Church on Saturday, December 17th.

NOTES

Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Ave., suffered a bad fall last week. Mrs. F. J. Worrell fell and injured her ankle last Sunday.

NEW RESPECTIVE EMBERS

Son, David Earl, born, November 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hume, 2601 Webster St. Son, born December 1, to Mr. and Mrs. James Leshner, 1419 1/2 Fairfield. Congratulations to parents and babies.

BLESSING FOR OUR BABIES

Parents are requested to note that there will be a service for blessing the children on Christmas Sunday morning, December 25.

FINANCE NOTE

Members are still bringing in their pledges. If you have not done so, please send it in at an early date.



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Most of the past is forgotten today. Great events of history are dim in the minds of men. Only the scholarly and the erudite find interest in the musty past.

But the experience of the Star of Christmas abides. The Song of Good-will, and peace echoes and re-echoes, amplified by the years, wherever Christians meet and through their hearts to God offer endless song of thankful praise.

The Star of Bethlehem will not cease to shine. Each generation has endowed and hallowed this heavenly light with increasing meaning. Time and again it has been the one Power able to redeem multitudes, blasted by ignorance or blighted by war and the aftermath of war. To refugees, to the hungry and sick, to those exploited, to those who suffer punishment without crimes, it lights a future that speaks of the dawn of justice and love.

As this year closes the first half of the Twentieth Century, it is well that Christmas should come on Sunday. Let men turn their way to the Church and their eyes toward God with the wonder, awe and reverence of shepherds, Wise-men and a mother with a little babe. And once again may we learn that worship, giving and peace are not discovered separately but are found together as men come in humility to worship at the Manger of Our Lord.

As shadows cast by cloud and sun,
Flit o'er the summer grass,
So, in Thy sight, Almighty One,
Earth's generations pass.

And as the years, an endless host,
Come swiftly pressing on,
The brightest names that earth can
boast,
Just glisten and are gone.

Yet doth The Star of Bethlehem shed
A lustre pure and sweet;
And still it leads, as once it led,
To The Messiah's feet.

O Father, may that Holy Star,
Grow every year more bright,
And send its glorious beams afar,
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant.

May this year bring you a Christian Christmas with the blessing and peace of Heaven.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmage Beck and Martha Jeannette.



CHURCH LEADERS IN TRAINING

To lead youth to become followers of Christ and active builders in the Kingdom of God is the purpose of the youth work program of Christian education in our brotherhood.

Young people's summer conferences each year enroll more than 9,000 students from two thousand churches. Under a faculty of 1,600 consecrated adult leaders they study for better and more intelligent churchmanship; consider their life vocations; and gain experience in leadership responsibilities through projects and committee work.



FROM THE JAMAICA MISSIONS

It Looks Like a Church

Immanuel Chapel, rapidly nearing completion at 21 Crescent Road, Whitfield Town, Jamaica, is the newest of our churches in that mission. The corner stone was laid on January 16. The day of dedication is eagerly anticipated.

This chapel is the result of a dream of a member of the Pretoria Road Church. A builder by trade, he has laid out the plans with a simple dignity. In his own words, "I'm not building a warehouse. I want this to look like a church."

Crusaders at Work

Mr. E. A. Edwards, pastor of the Torrington Church, Jamaica, reports encouraging progress in *A Crusade for a Christian World*.

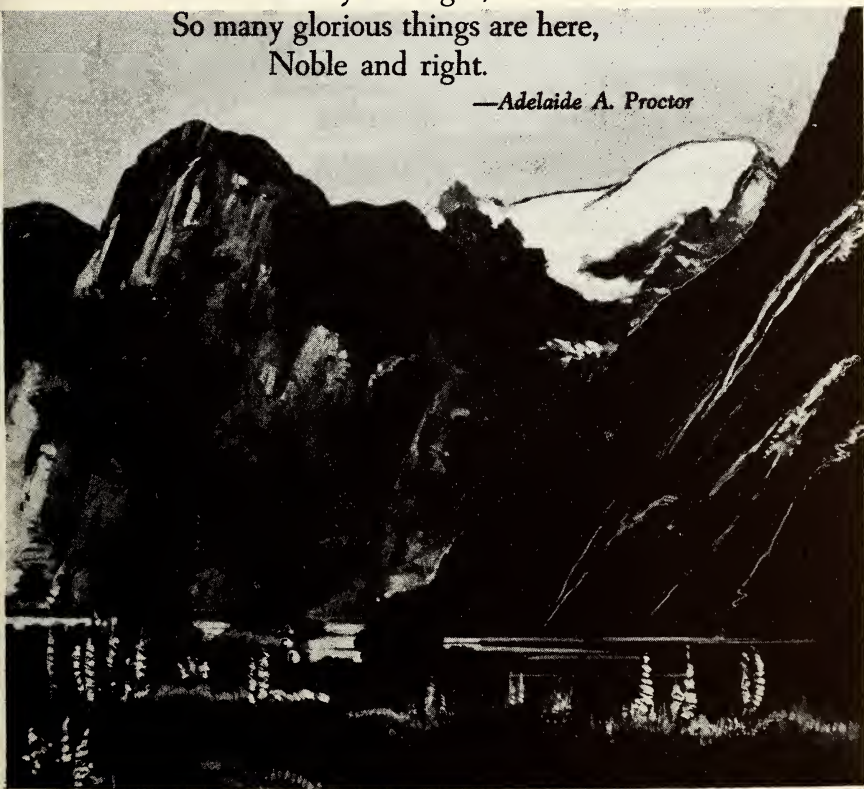
Under the leadership of missionary Robert Nelson, a visitation evangelism program resulted in 65 decisions for the church out of 84 calls made. Thirty Crusaders participated in the visitation.

Recently one of the women of the church started a Sunday school among the poor children of the town. More than 60 have been registered and attend regularly.

A Hymn of Praise

My God, I thank Thee, who has made
The earth so bright,
So full of splendor and of joy,
Beauty and light;
So many glorious things are here,
Noble and right.

—Adelaide A. Proctor



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13 WEEKS OF DEVOTION ENDS ON CHRISTMAS

Christmas Morning Worship (Combined Service)

10:00 A.M.

(Church and Church School will combine services)

SERMON

"Christmas and The Old Fears"

Organ Prelude 9:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

Souvenir Order of Worship

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

10:55 A.M.

(Parents are asked to have children at the Church by 10:50)

TO WELCOME NEW YEAR WITH VIGIL OF PRAYER

Classes of Church School will be assigned Hours of Prayer Vigil, Sunday, by Church School Superintendent. Eight hours of the 24 hours of January 1st have been taken by the Woman's Council and the Youth Group.

Others may use New Years day for wild drinking parties, but Christians will use this Day for a time of reflection and Prayer. If you wish to share individually or by families or groups on these, Vigil of Prayer lists will be sent to you. Most groups are dividing the time into 10 and 15 minute periods.

NOTES

No Bowling this Saturday or New Year's Eve.

Large beautiful candle, used in The Candlelight Services, was made from old candles of former vesper services and given to the Church by Mrs. J. Fred-eric Smeli.

Church School offering will go to our orphanages and old peoples homes.

New Prospective Member

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Craig in the birth of a baby boy last Friday. Stephen John and his mother are doing nicely.

There is a new baby in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myers. Congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Guy M. Drewett are the grandparents.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

For 1950 will be on tables at the rear of the Sanctuary. They will be arranged alphabetically. CHECK NAME ON BOX, BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

As one looks back over the year 1949, there comes a clear understanding of things that matter. One's energy is often consumed by false desires. The unimportant become great burdens. It becomes plain that the world was "too much with us late, and, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."

It was what we really desired and prayed for that made our life last year. The use made of the unseen stretches of life determined what one said and what one did for his fellowmen.

We have faced a world full of threats of disaster and potent with good for the future. And we have been inclined both of a desire to escape and because of the great materialistic developments to attach too much importance to the gifts of comforts and competence and have, like most men, strained ourselves for these. And our lives are filled with fear.

Yet in 1949 our hearts again and again have been healed, and our burdens borne by a strength kinder than we know.

So in 1950 we claim new visions for Thy Truth and new wonders of Thy love. We want our homes better ordered and our work better done and our faith more firmly fixed in Thee.

As we look to the New Year dark with the mysteries that may baffle, we pray these ever may bring us back from our straying to a deeper devotion.

May the New Year be a Christian Year for you and may the changing and flowing of the days keep you ever in the presence of the Eternal till the shadows flee away. A happy Christian and successful New Year to all of you.

—Robert Talmage Beck.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Special Music, Women's Chorus
"My God and I" Sergei

Sermon: "New Years and The Unseen"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL

Our new officers begin this year on the first day of the year. Many good plans are ahead.

Communitiy Church School Leadership Training Classes begin Tuesday, January 17th. Teachers, Officers and those who desire to teach are eligible. The Church School will pay your tuition. Please see one of the superintendents.

The **Special Offering for Christmas** will be taken this Sunday.



Soap For Relief

Church World Service shipped 45,000 cakes of soap to needy persons overseas in October. These had come through the CARE campaign in which Lever Brothers Company offered to contribute one cake of soap for every two Swan Soap wrappers sent to Church World Service. The project continued through December 31.

Soap, which is taken for granted in our scheme of living, may mean health

or even life itself for many persons in disease-ridden countries of Asia and Europe.

Disciples of Christ share in Church World Service not only as individuals and churches participate in clothing drives, CARE packages, soap projects, etc., but also in their offerings in the Week of Compassion. In the last three years our churches have given a total of \$1,500,000 for world relief and rehabilitation through this week, aside from the support of their own world work. The 1950 observance is March 5-12.

NEW YEAR'S EVE prayermeeting at Takinogawa Christian Church, Tokoyo, 1948.

This congregation lost its fine, modern church in the fires from incendiary bombs which swept Tokyo in April, 1945, burning almost to the gates of our boys' and girls' schools. Pastor Chiba (shown in background, upper right), whose happy boast it is that he did not once fail to hold regular Sunday services during the entire period of the war, transferred the activities of the congregation at once to a kindergarten building inside the school compound.

Their new church building was dedicated in May, 1949.



THE NEW YEAR

**I am the New Year, and I come to you
pure and unstained,**

Fresh from the hand of God.

Each day a precious pearl to you is given

**That you must string upon the silver
thread of Life.**

**Once strung can never be unthreaded but
stays**

An undying record of your faith and skill...

**I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve
glorious months**

Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;

**The days for work and rest, the nights for
peaceful slumber.**

All that I have I give with love unspoken.

All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken.

—J. D. Templeton

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PRAYER VIGIL

Across the Country, American Protestant Churches, under the leadership of the Federal Council of Churches will keep a Prayer Vigil beginning New Year's Eve and ending midnight New Year's. Groups and individuals will be doing this in First Christian. The following groups have taken the hours listed below.

12 to 1:00 A.M.—High School Class	12 noon to 2:15 P.M.—Friendly Class
1:00 to 2:00 A.M.—Lakoda Class	2:15 to 3:15 P.M.—Men's Class
2:00 to 4:05 A.M.—Come-Double Class	3:15 to 4:00 P.M.—Come-Double Class
4:05 to 5:35 A.M.—Progressive Class	4:00 to 5:00 P.M.—Dorcas Circle
5:35 to 6:30 A.M.—Men's Class	5:00 to 6:00 P.M.—Martha Circle
6:30 to 7:15 A.M.—Friendly Class	6:00 to 7:00 P.M.—Progressive Class
7:15 to 8:00 A.M.—Ladies Class	7:00 to 8:00 P.M.—Esther Circle
8:00 to 9:00 A.M.—Progressive Class	8:00 to 9:00 P.M.—Progressive Class
9:00 to 10:00 A.M.—Naomi Circle	9:00 to 11:05 P.M.—Ladies Class
10:00 to 11:00 A.M.—Ruth Circle	11:05 to 12 Midnight—Friendly Class
11:00 to 12 noon—Rachel Class	

OUR FINANCES

The following is a summary of our Stewardship Campaign securing pledges for 1950. 181 pledges at \$1 or more; 97 pledges at \$1.50 or more per week; 64 pledges at \$2.00 or more per week; 22 pledges at \$3.00 or more per week; 14 at 4.00 or more per week; and ten pledges from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per week. You still have opportunity to put in your pledge. All pledges or moneys given by December 31st will go in 1949 record. Help make 1949 a banner year.

Thanks

Literally hundreds and hundreds of Christmas cards were received by your pastor, his wife and daughter. They wish to take this opportunity to thank you and tell you their hearts were touched and warmed to know you thought so graciously of them.

IN 13 WEEKS DEVOTION

Many of our people had 100% record for 13 weeks. They were rewarded for their faithfulness. You can have real spiritual satisfaction if you are in Worship Service every Sunday for 15 weeks.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Dale Hiler, 2513 Miner St. on Thursday, January 5, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Kenneth Lytle will assist the hostess and also arrange special music. Mrs. Earl Fusselman will give the devotions and Mrs. Kenneth Dibble will have charge of the program.

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. C. J. Sharp, 1616 Pemberton, Wednesday, January 4, at 2 P.M.

Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. M. G. Heller, Thursday, January 5, at 2:15.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. Nancy Frame, 1130 Jackson St., for a 1:30 P.M. luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington, Tuesday, January 3, at 2:00 P. M. Mrs. J. Z. Berlien will give the Devotions and Mrs. Mary Wagner has the program.

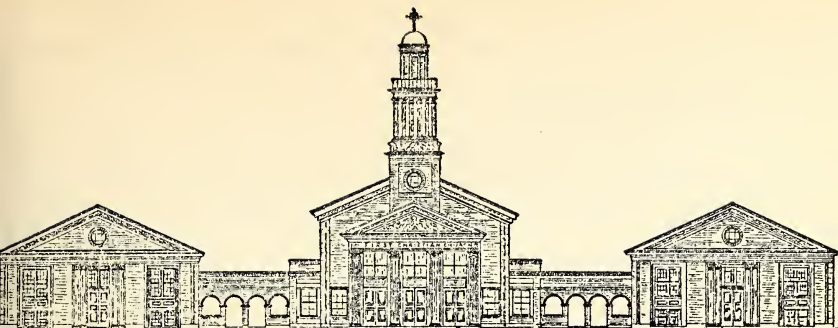
SERVICE OF BLESSING

The following children were blessed at our Christmas Service: Larry Wayne Apt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. John Apt. Rebecca Lee Buskirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Harry Steven Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, David Scott Libbey and Norman Peter Libbey, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alber Libbey, Kenneth Richard Lytle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Lytle, Jonnie Jeanne Benner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Benner, Thomas Eugene Rayl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Susan Jane Bruner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bruner.

Come-Double Officers For 1950

President William C. Robinson; Vice President, Myron Cole; Secretary, Mrs. M. S. Kreps; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. O. G. Baugher; Teacher, Donald Grissom.

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Come to Church next Sunday. Spend an hour relaxed; sing some of the great old hymns, if you do not feel like singing follow the stanzas and listen to others sing the inspiring hymns. Reverently, and penitently partake of the Lord's Supper. Meditate on the Scripture lesson and the sermon.

Repeat the hour of worship each Sunday. Begin each day in prayer. Spend not less than five minutes each day reading your Bible or meditating on some Scripture. Close each day in prayer from now until Easter. See if it doesn't do something for you. **YOU WILL FEEL LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 1025

Special Music by Choir

Sermon: "Religion, and the Way to Freedom"

Preacher, Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

New Superintendents in charge — Dale Parkerson, Alan C. Bell, B. W. Leversee

SPRING TERM — SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Begins January 17th. Classes on teaching in different age levels. See one of the Superintendents if you are interested in teaching in Church School.

YOUTH GROUP — 6:00 P.M.

Plan to be present this Sunday evening.

MEN'S FORUM

Dinner meeting Sunday evening 6:15 P.M. Election of Officers. Alexander M. Campbell, recently resigned U. S. Ass't Attorney General and, First President of Forum, to be speaker. Men's Chorus will furnish choral music. Rolland Ripple will lead group in singing. Glenn Miller will give special numbers on saxophone and D. G. Norton, President will preside.

ALL MEN ARE URGED TO BE PRESENT

Vice-President Elected

Miss Jessie M. Trout is the new vice-president of The United Christian Missionary Society, succeeding Mrs. R. A. Doan who retired as of June 30, 1949. Miss Trout was elected during the Centennial Convention in Cincinnati. She will continue also as executive secretary of the department of missionary organizations.

Under the auspices of the United Society Miss Trout was a missionary

in Japan from 1921 to 1940. One of her last assignments was that of secretary to Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, world-known Christian leader and writer.

She also served as national *World Call* secretary for two years.

Other officers of the United Society are: Dr. H. B. McCormick, president, Francis W. Payne, treasurer, and Miss Mayble M. Epp, secretary.

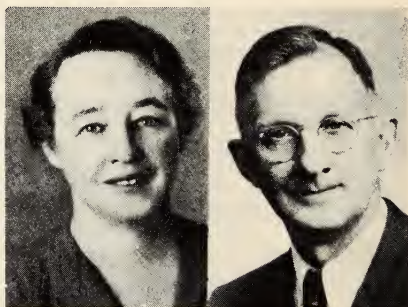
Message From China

News from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCallum, written from Nanking, September 20, will be welcome to those who have waited anxiously to know the consequences of the communist rule to the Christian program.

"We are still under military control and each city or county is more or less autonomous . . . Nanking foreigners have felt less opposition than those in our small stations, yet we have been rather rigidly restricted. We still cannot go outside the city gates . . . A trip to Shanghai is possible (but no other place) if one has a very special reason for going . . .

"Church attendance has kept up well and the youth activities have been especially gratifying. Each of our stations held a summer conference . . . and the young people conducted daily vacation Bible schools at the churches for the neighborhood children . . .

"To keep our church group profitably busy and close within the Christian fellowship, we initiated handcraft; and every afternoon for full two months, found our group in their



MR. AND MRS. J. H. MCCALLUM

youth center working and sweating over their painting, 'spattering', and envelope making. Everyone enjoyed it and we've already sold enough to cover capital and furnish peanuts for a parents' tea party . . . Every night the church has provided something for the young people. Two choir rehearsals a week, classes in singing or voice lessons, English and Bible lessons. The church has echoed as never before with youthful voices . . .

"It is our intention to remain at our post as long as we are an asset to the work and to our Chinese leaders. If we could only hear from our sons (in the United States) we feel we could endure indefinitely. We're hoping the boat that takes this letter to be mimeographed for you, will bring word from them."



Who builds a church
within his heart,
And takes it with him
everywhere,
Is holier far than he whose church
Or deed of skill that he has done
Is but a
one-day
house of
prayer.

—MORRIS A. BEER



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NEW OFFICERS OF CHURCH

Trustee: Albert Egly. Elders: Glenn R. Miller, Cecil Rice, Charles Fuchshuber, Alan C. Bell. Deacons: Henry M. Flowers, Don J. Eyer, Herbert C. Banet, William E. Tracey, Jesse W. Haffner, Dale C. Hiler, Gail J. Roe, Jay J. McCarel, Chester L. Follis, Donald E. Coffman, William E. Munro, Dudley H. Planton, Martin C. Brudi, Cecil A. Kenzie, Robert Rayl. Deaconesses: Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. Don J. Eyer. Treasurer: Glenn R. Miller. Financial Secretaries: Sherman G. Myers, James R. Shockney, Owen O. Vaught, Hugh D. Rice. Superintendents of Church School: Dale Parkerson, Alan C. Bell, B. W. Leversee. Church Clerk: Mrs. Owen Vaught.

BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

Chairman, Mr. Cecil Rice; Vice-Chairman, Rolland R. Ripple. Chairman of Board of Elders, Alan C. Bell; Chairman Board of Deacons, Robert W. Ashe; Vice-Chairman, Clayton Yoquelet; Chairman of Deaconesses, Mrs. Charles E. Dare; Chairman Board of Trustees, W. C. Birkhold; Vice-Chairman of Trustees, Albert Egly.

WEDDING BELLS

Mis Pauline Sigrist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist was united in marriage to Orville H. Rutledge on December 29, 1949. Our good wishes go to this fine couple.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Newly Elected Officers

Mrs. Owen Vaught, President; Mrs. Charles Dare, Vice-President; Mrs. Harry Lomont, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Irene Cline, Recording Secretary; Miss Elaine Jones, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Treasurer. Circle Presidents: **Dorcas:** Mrs. Harold Roberts; **Esther:** Mrs. Marion Favory; **Ruth:** Mrs. Fred H. Wilson; **Rachel:** Mrs. Joseph Siples; **Rebecca:** Mrs. Alan C. Bell; **Naomi:** Mrs. Courtney Combs; **Martha:** Mrs. Charles Dare; **Exening Guild:** Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: **Program,** Mrs. Charles Dare; **Missionary,** Mrs. J. R. Coar; **Finance,** Mrs. H. M. Flowers; **Spiritual Life,** Mrs. Don J. Eyer; **Social,** Mrs. Dale Hiler; **Publicity,** Mrs. H. M. Flowers; **Service and House,** Mrs. E. N. Schlatter; **Project,** Mrs. Paul Whitton and Mrs. Leo E. Miller, Co-Chairmen; **Sunshine and Shut-Ins,** Mrs. Edwin Geerken; **Telephone,** Mrs. Mary Wagner; **World Call,** Mrs. Hugh Rice; **Literature,** Mrs. W. H. Imbody; **Enlistment,** Mrs. H. W. Sigrist; **Council of Church Women,** Mrs. Nellie Newland; **Cards,** Mrs. Gail J. Roe.

The first meeting of the General Council for the year 1950 will be held on January 17, at 2 p.m. Circles are asked to set their financial goals for 1950 and be prepared to report at the meeting of the 17th.

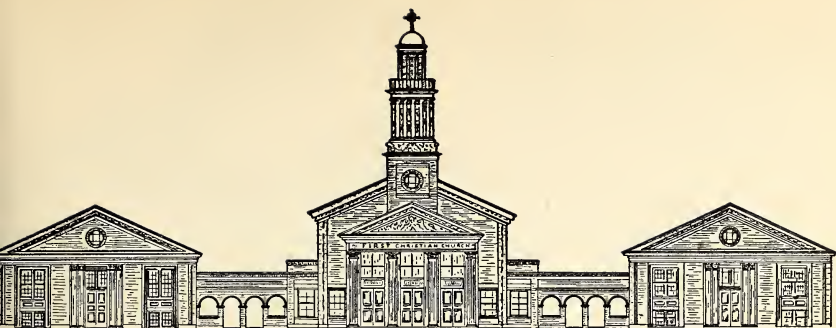
Esther Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Egley, 1927 Wells St., Tuesday, January 10th. Carry-In-Dinner 6:30 P.M.

BOWLING SATURDAY

Bowling at the GE Club, Sweeney and Broadway Sts. Come promptly at 7 p.m. Paul Whitten in charge.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole are the parents of a baby girl that was born Thursday, December 29th. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.



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The strain and stress of Modern Living at times seems to be more than one can take. The Doctors are agreed that a large number of those who come for treatment are there for nerves.

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

Here is the Offer:

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY. Spend 90 minutes of the 10,080 in Worship. Each remaining day of the week begin by prayers. Spend from 5 to 10 minutes in reading the Bible or Scripture verses, pray each evening before you retire. 90 more minutes of the 10,080 in the week. Repeat each week until Easter. It will do something to you. **YOU WILL FEEL LIKE A NEW PERSON.**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

SERMON: "RELIGION AND OUR WAY OF THINKING"

Special Music by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our attendance showed a handsome increase last Sunday. Be in your Class this Sunday. If interested in teaching, enroll in Community School beginning January 17.

CHILDREN FROM INFANCY TO FIVE YEARS

A REGISTERED NURSE will look after the children from sleeping babies to five years of age, at the Children's House. Those who care to do so are invited to leave their children and know they are in competent hands.

YOUTH GROUP — 6:30 P.M.

The Youth Group will meet Sunday. A panel discussion has been arranged. David Griggs is the sponsor and he is assisted by Gene Munro. The Christian Messenger is the name of the paper published by the Youth Group.

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WORLD CALL — Reported by Mrs. M. Wagner

Report of World Call for the last seven years: Comparison of years.

23 Subscriptions in	1943	123 Subscriptions in	1947
52 Subscriptions in	1944	105 Subscriptions in	1948
58 Subscriptions in	1945	100 Subscriptions in	1949
98 Subscriptions in	1946		

Copies of World Call, the past year, have been placed in the Public Library, the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Also, North Side High School, South Side High School, Central High School and Elmhurst High School. These are free subscriptions which were received when sending large orders of ten or more at one time.

Mr. Hugh D. Rice, R.R. 8, Fernwood Drive is the new World Call Chairman for 1950.

"IF YOU DON'T READ — you don't know,
IF YOU DON'T KNOW — you don't care,
IF YOU DON'T CARE — you don't give,
IF YOU DON'T GIVE — you don't receive,
IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE — you don't succeed,
IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED — you'd better
READ WORLD CALL"

ILLNESS

Mr. Ansel Gaskill has recently returned home after being a patient in St. Joseph hospital. He is recovering from a heart ailment.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 15, Mr. B. W. Leversee, Floyd E. Morrical; January 22, Glenn R. Miller, J. Z. Berlien; January 29, W. C. Birkhold, Preston Somers

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Henry M. Flowers, Captain, H-40022; Arza Smith, J. Hugh Tracey, Carter D. Palmer, Meldren S. Kreps, Dr. R. W. Goebel, James R. Shockney, Don J. Eyer.

FORT WAYNE COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

The Annual meeting of the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church, on Tuesday, January 31st at 2 P.M. We will have the election and installation of the new officers, and Mrs. Virgil Sly of Indianapolis will be our speaker. Women of the Church are invited to this meeting. The Committee from the Council include: Mrs. Nellie Newland, Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. Robert T. Beck and Mrs. Owen Vaught.

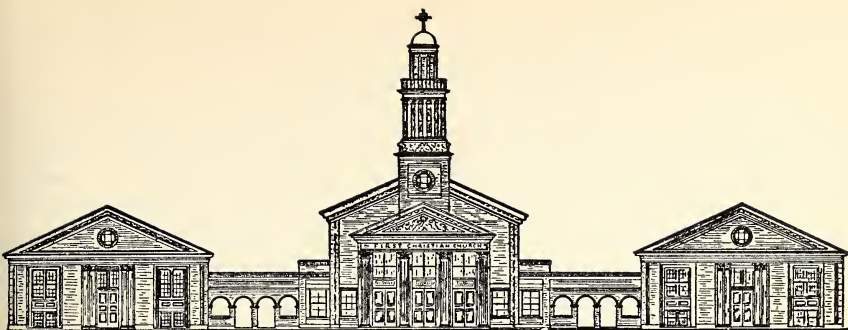
OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. William Vesey and members of the family of William Vesey who recently passed away. Mr. Vesey was a brother of Mr. David S. Vesey, member of this Church.

We also wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Miss Euncie Clark in the recent loss of her Aunt.

BOWLING SATURDAY

Bowling at the GE Club, Sweeney and Broadway Sts. Come promptly at 8 p.m. Paul Whitten in charge.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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ACCEPT THIS 14 WEEK TRIAL OFFER

Last Sunday was an icy, bad Sunday, but a good congregation was in Church. One member said, "I go to my work whatever the weather may be, why shouldn't I be in Church?"

Examine your heart. Have you omitted to keep Christ's invitation to be at His Table with His people.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY. If you spend 90 minutes in Church on Sunday—Read and pray each day—Repeat this each week until Easter, it will do something to you. **You will feel like a new person.**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

SERMON: "GETTING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF LIFE."

Preacher: Our Pastor

William Broom will bring a Flute selection as special Offertory Solo this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Statistics show that **80 out of 100 Children** remain loyal to the Church when their parents **bring them**, and only **25 out of 100** remain loyal to the Church when their parents **send them**.

YOUTH GROUP — 6:30 P.M.

The C.Y.F. will meet Sunday Evening. Announcement will be made of future plans at that meeting.

CHILDREN FROM INFANCY TO FIVE YEARS

A REGISTERED NURSE will look after the children from sleeping babies to five years of age, at the Children's House. Those who care to do so are invited to leave their children and know they are in competent hands.

Books Are Friends

A new community library for the people of Hazel Green, Kentucky, was opened in Hazel Green Academy as a part of the national celebration of Book Week in November, 1949.

Located in the basement of the school building, to the right of the Jot 'Em Down Store, the library is open at regular hours, both morning and afternoon, Tuesday through Saturday. Books are loaned for a period of two weeks, subject to renewal.

This library is for everybody. No

other such service is available in the county. There are books for preschool children, teen-agers, young people, teachers, parents, and no doubt for grandparents who will have time in the longer winter days to enjoy old friends and to meet new ones in the pages of literature.

Mrs. Pryce Tutt is school librarian and will direct the new community library. She is known to many as the sister of Mrs. Allen Huber, missionary to the Philippines. Both are graduates of Hazel Green Academy.

He Did Something About It

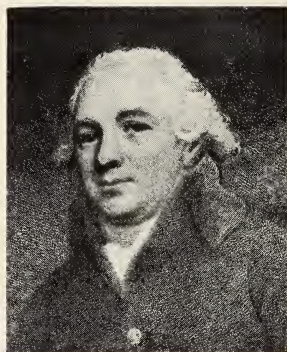
One dark evening in 1780, Robert Raikes, editor of the *Journal* in Gloucester, England, found his way along a muddy street in the slums of that city. He was appalled by what he saw—ragged children fighting or idling in the midst of the squalor of dirt and poverty. On the following Sunday he returned, and was even more oppressed by the sight.

Raikes knew that children of that day were put into factories and apprentice shops at six years of age and most of them worked twelve hours a day. Eight out of ten boys were in jail before they were twenty.

So, with the simplest of beginnings, he began to gather a group of these ragged children on Sunday, attracting them with coins and candy, and entertaining them with Bible stories. Sunday by Sunday the group grew.

Robert Raikes did not consciously start a world movement. He saw a need and tried to meet it. But within a few years the movement to organize Sunday schools spread rapidly. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, introduced singing in Sunday schools, set up classes by ages, and made the services more attractive. By 1785 Raikes estimated that there were more than 250,000 children attending Sunday school all over England and Scotland.

From what was known as Raikes



Robert Raikes

"Ragged School" has come a worldwide Sunday school movement, and a program of Christian education in which millions are enrolled.

In August, 1950, there will be held in Toronto, Canada, the World Convention on Christian Education. To this convention there will come not less than 5,000 delegates from 75 countries, it is hoped. Those who attend will want to stop before a statue of Robert Raikes which bears this inscription: "... commemorating the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Sunday school by Robert Raikes, Gloucester, England, 1780. GO-TEACH."

Jesus Speaks

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.

He who has ears, let him hear.



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MEN'S FORUM OFFICERS for 1950

At the monthly meeting of the Men's Forum, Colonel Courtney Combs was elected president, Paul Whitton Vice-President, and Robert Ashe Secretary-Treasurer. Don J. Eyer gave the report of the nominating Committee.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS NAMES OFFICERS

Richard Schrecongost, President; Clayton Yoquelet, Vice-President; Mrs. John Hill, Secretary and Paul Whitton, Treasurer, were elected for 1950. Hugh D. Rice is the teacher of the class.

GENERAL COUNCIL

A REMINDER: Council Rummage Sale will be **March 22, 23**. Please save your rummage for this sale. ATTENTION GROUP PROJECT CHAIRMEN!! Mrs. Bret Young, Mrs. W. VanAlstine, Mrs. Wm. Robinson, Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Olive Roy, Mrs. Gail Roe — Mrs. Paul Whitton and Mrs. Leo Miller, Co-chairmen of Projects would like the names of Circle members in lists stating who would like to work at suppers (cooking, dining room work, clearing tables, dish washing, etc.) also, names of those who like working at Rummage Sales, cars available for picking up rummage, etc. Project Chairmen are urged to get these lists to the Co-Chairmen. This will save much telephoning.

ILLNESS

Mr. J. L. Brubaker is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, having undergone an appendectomy last week.

Miss Patty Ann Beck is ill at her home, 1701 Spring st. Mrs. Gail J. Roe has been confined to her home by illness.

The father of Mrs. Robert Working is ill at her home.

Please telephone in names of the sick among your friends and acquaintances who are members of the Church.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST PUBLISHED

We are happy to extend greetings of welcome to these fine folk who have become a part of our Church family: David A. Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koontz, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley G. Baugher and daughter, Marcia, Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Mrs. Wm. E. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. James Leshner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Ashe and son, Bernard W. Ashe, Mrs. Gladys Wells, Mr. Morris McNally, Miss Nancy Stull, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sarrazin and family, Rodger Sarrazin, Marilyn Sarrazin, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mrs. Dora Knife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Reynolds, and sons, Roger and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Norton, Mr. Melvin J. Bruner, Mrs. W. John Apt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, Mr. Everett E. Shull.

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The Church can forge ahead—It will **forge** ahead with **new life from Christ**. There can be no new life **FROM** the Church until there is new life **IN** the Church. That can come from one source, the word of God in the life of the Church members. This comes as we read the Bible and pray as we go to Church to fellowship with God's people about the Table of Our Lord, as we make His Word live in us, expressed in our thoughts and our deeds.

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Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

SERMON: "MAKING A WAY FOR GOD."

PREACHER: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Character is made up of good habits established when we do the right thing so often it becomes voluntary. Make coming to the Church School a habit—Be consistent—Be regular.

YOUTH GROUP — 6:30 P.M.

The C.Y.F. will meet at 6:30 P.M. Many of our Youth will attend the United Christian Youth meeting, Wayne Street Methodist Church at 2:30 P.M. This will be discussed at the Church School hour.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 30 — 6:30 P.M.

COVERED DISH DINNER. During the business there will be a **Special Program** for the Children. Reports for the Year 1949 will be given. Committee in Charge: Mrs. Dale Hiler, Chairman, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mrs. Albert Ogly, Mrs. O. G. Baugher, Mrs. Jos. Siples, Mrs. Alma Beck and Mrs. L. J. Bedford.

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Japanese Artistry

From Japan come the cover picture of this bulletin, and also the bit of poetry which tells us this scene is a source of inspiration and hope to the people of the land.

The picture is the work of Mr. Kazuo Ebihara, teacher of science in our Margaret K. Long Girls' School, Tokyo, whose photography will bring us this year many scenes from the girls' and the boys' schools, and from our churches in Tokyo.

The complete poem by Kiyowara, who lived from 900 to 930 A.D., is but four lines:

*Pure and fragile and pale,
Far and high,
Above the mist a mountain peak
Hangs in the sky.*

From many a window the peaks of the mountains of Japan can be seen rising through cloud and mist, reminding Christians of the words of the Psalmist, "Before the mountains were brought forth . . . thou art God."

Social Injustice Breeds Communism

"Everything must be done by Christians to remove the causes which lead to communism; communism flourishes mostly in countries where poverty is greatest, and in which there is a glaring contrast between the luxury of the few and the misery of the multitude. Social injustice has been the powerful ally, often the parent, of revolutionary communism."

—Dr. Cyril F. Garbett,
Archbishop of York, England

"I Bequeath"

A gift of approximately \$3500 has been received from Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, a bequest left in the will of a member of that church. It is being used to erect a new building at Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, to house the laundry and Jot 'Em Down store. The vital service of Hazel Green Academy to the mountain people will thus be strengthened and enlarged.



—Ebihara

A program of sacred music was broadcast in the spring of 1949 by a choir from the girls' school and the boys' school, at the request of the radio station.



*"Far above the mist a mountain peak
Hangs in the sky."*

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NOTES

Our pastor was made a member of the Board of the Goodwill Industries. He was also chosen as one of the 16 representatives from the Disciples of Christ to serve on the Board of the Indiana Council of Churches. He is attending the annual meeting at Indianapolis this week.

The Co-chairman Couples were entertained at the home of our Pastor on Friday, evening, January 20th. They are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Follis, Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. George Bruckman, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brubaker, and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Denton.

The Minister will entertain at a dinner the newly elected Officers of the Official Board on February 1st. Dr. L. Potter Harshman will be the speaker.

The Pastor has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Fort Wayne Mental Hygiene Society.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Ward Bundy, 2605 S. Lafayette St. on Friday evening, February 3.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 1308 E. Wayne St. on Thursday, February 3, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, Assistant Hostess. Mrs. Dale Parkerson will give the devotions, and Mrs. Hugh Rice will have charge of the program.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Martha Gaunt, 3228 S. Webster St., Thursday, **February 9th** (Please note change in date and time) at **7:30 P.M.** Mrs. Robert T. Beck will review the book, "Cry, The Beloved Country" and Mrs. Owen Vaught will give the devotions.

The Naomi Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., on Wednesday afternoon, February 1.

ILLNESS

We were sorry to hear that the mother of Mr. Glenn Miller is very ill in the Home Hospital at Lafayette.

FORT WAYNE COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

Please keep in mind the Annual meeting and election of Officers of the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women to be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church on Tuesday, January 31, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Virgil Sly, recently returned from Africa, will be very happy to let you see them. **Just call E-2675**, for an appointment. The attendance from our Church. She is an interesting speaker.

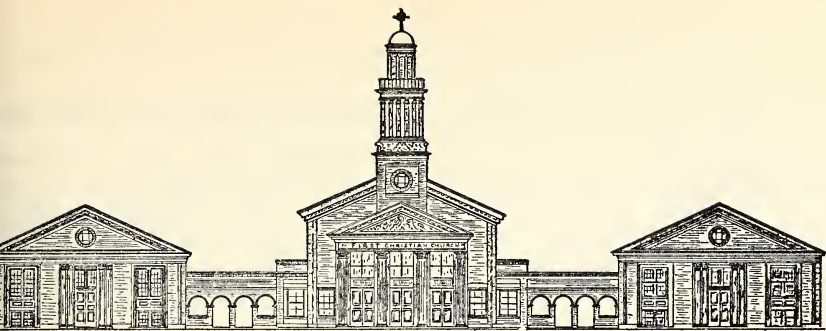
VALENTINES, VALENTINES, VALENTINES!!!!

Now is the time to choose your valentines. Mrs. Gail J. Roe is in charge of this project for the Woman's Council. She has a complete line of Valentines and will be very happy to let you see them. **Just call E-2675**, for an appointment. The Woman's Council has a full line of Everyday cards and Mrs. Roe is in charge of these. She will have cards and valentines on display at the Annual Meeting of the Church next Monday evening.

OUR SYMPATHY

It is with deep sorrow that we report the passing of Mrs. Paul Parsons, Tuesday morning, January 24, at Pontiac, Michigan. Mrs. Parsons was a fine Christian. A member of this Church. She has been very ill for more than a year and accepted her illness with true Christian fortitude. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her dear daughter, Gail, and her husband, Paul Parsons. May God be with them during these dark days. Funeral services will be held here at the Church. See the local newspapers for date and time.

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NEGLECT OF YOUR LORD'S INVITATION TO HIS TABLE OF COMMUNION IS A SIN OF OMISSION

Listen to the words, "Given For You!" "Shed For You!" Our Communion with Christ about His Table represents the ultimate in partnership with God. When we evade this participation in this fellowship in remembrance of Christ, **we clog** the channel of God's blessing. What a grievous omission.

Our help comes in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and Earth. **Neglect not this Holy Invitation.**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "The Seamy Side of Goodness"

Special Music by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Giving God time IN our life through attendance at the Church School is an expression of Christian Stewardship. We owe it to ourselves, our children, and Community to maintain a good Church School. You can help by being present and supporting our Teachers and Officers.

YOUTH GROUP — 6:30 P.M.

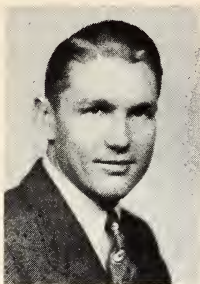
The Youth Paper—The Christian Messenger, is getting a good reception. David Griggs is Editor. Co-Editors: Nancy Stull, Jean Redman. Sports Editor: Gene Munro. Art Editor: Wanda Cloyd. Reporters: LaKoda Class, Harold Donelson, High School Class, Wilda Donohue.

A good representation from First Christian attended the United Christian Youth Meeting last Sunday. The speaker, Mr. Welch, is a student in Chicago University, studying to become a Minister in the Christian Church.

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"We Must Learn To Think"



Irvin Lanier

The Disciples Student Fellowship was represented at the World Student Christian Federation at Whitby, Ontario, last August by Irvin Lanier, president. He has reported:

"Many students of Germany, having lost all their possessions during the recent war, are flocking to the Student Christian Movement in a bewildered search to discover something worthwhile to live for. . . . Delegates from the Russian Orthodox Church (outside Russia), from France, from Greece, and from other sections, all indicated the alarm that seemed to be prevalent in the minds of all students. . . .

"A similar situation exists in Asia and the Far East—China, in the midst of civil war; Korea, divided by the two major powers; Japan, held down industrially until a treaty can be agreed upon, with unemployment a major issue; India, with problems concerning her new independence; and all of these conditions vitally affecting the lives of students. . . . Many of them do not have what we consider the bare necessities of life—food, clothing, and shelter—while we in America enjoy the luxuries that are felt so essential to our everyday living. . . .

"We must learn to think on a much larger scale. Christ in His teachings was constantly emphasizing the far-reaching effects of the Christian faith in all realms of life, but too often we are prone to keep our religion separate from the major problems of today."

This May Come As A Surprise

"Consider the Arab Christians. There have been more of these in the Holy Land than is sometimes realized by Americans. Such places as Nazareth and Bethlehem, for instance, have been almost Christian communities.

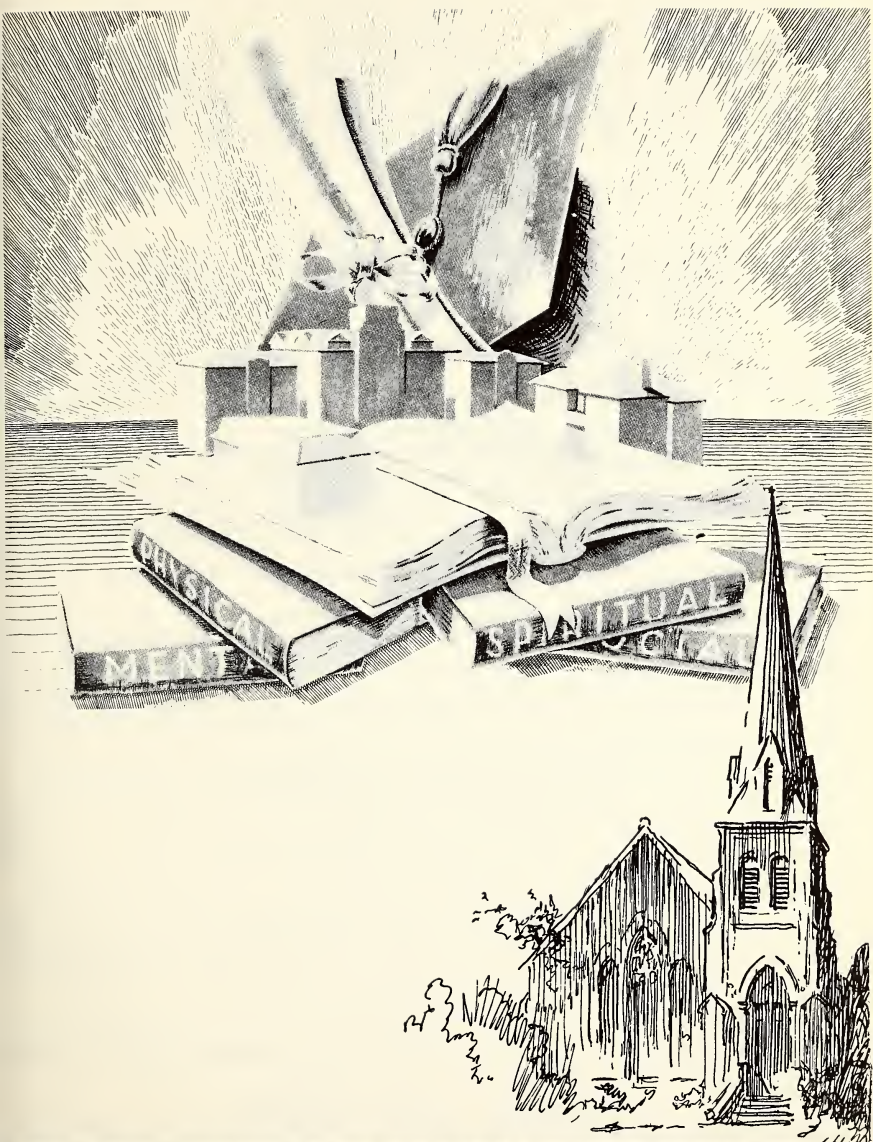
"But the Arab Christians have suffered the same fate that has befallen most of the other Arabs in the Holy Land. They are either a part of that pitiful horde of almost a million refugees who have been driven from homes and livelihood to a bare existence in the refugee camps which now ring Israel, or they have barely managed to stay on in Palestine, reduced to abject poverty and filled with apprehension as to the future. The Arab Christians have managed to create a stronghold in Bethlehem, where they have been reinforced by 35,000 Arab Christian refugees. *But without help from outside Palestine their future is grim.*"

—Francis J. Bloodgood

ALL STUDENT RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS among Disciples of Christ—Bible Chairs, Christian Foundations, or Student Fellowships—are a part of the Disciples Student Fellowship (DSF).

Cooperation on an international basis was realized in 1946 when over 50 delegates from student centers in the United States and Canada met to set up an organization, which has worked out a program of annual meetings, conventions, etc. One hundred sixty-nine college groups are now cooperating.

Each active student group, through an elected delegate, has representation in the annual DSF conference which is responsible for the development of the student program and for increasing intercollegiate fellowship among Disciple students.



**Christian guidance for students leads
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BOWLING

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BASKETBALL

The First Christian plays New Haven Methodist Saturday at Zion Gym at 9.

EVANGELISM

The office is desirous of names of those who may be prospective members. Lists are now being compiled.

CO-CHAIRMAN PARTY — FRIDAY, FEB. 10th — 7:30 P.M.

A party for new members and those who have been sick and are well again will be given by the Co-Chairmen at the church Friday, February 10th.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, 2918 Bowser Ave., on Tuesday, February 7. Mrs. W. W. Bundy in charge of Program and Mrs. F. H. Rogers will give the devotions.

The Rebecca Group will meet with Mrs. Gail J. Roe, 1825 Florida Dr., Wednesday evening, February 8, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Alden Current is in charge of the program and Mrs. Don Eyer will give the devotions. Special music will be given by Mrs. Robert Fahl and Mrs. J. L. Brubaker.

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. Maud Cruse, 1324 W. Jefferson St., on Tuesday afternoon, February 7, at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Nancy Frame will give devotions and Mrs. J. R. Coar will be the speaker. Her topic is "Japan."

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

February 5—F. Wayne Rousseau, Cecil Rice.
February 12—Alan C. Bell, Dr. A. C. Worley.
February 19—Floyd E. Morrical, Charles E. Fuchshuber.
February 26—Dale Parkerson, Glenn R. Miller.

DEACONS SCHEDULE OR FEBRUARY

Rolland Ripple, Captain, H-02564, Cecil A. Kinzie, Leo E. Miller, Wm. M. Moffitt, Fred H. Wilson, Romane H. Cole, Robert Rayl, Richard Schrecongost.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Official Board will be Wednesday evening, February 8, at 8 o'clock, at the Church.

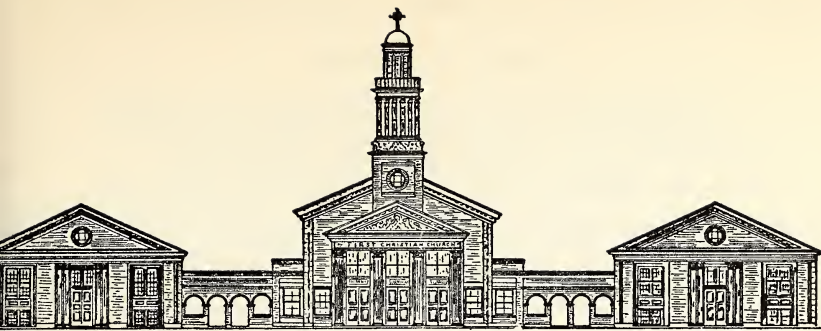
VALENTINES — EVERY DAY CARDS

REMEMBER: Mrs. Gail Roe, E-2675, has a complete line. See them before you buy. Mrs. Roe is Card Chairman for the Woman's Council.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. Eva Mosier is confined to her home at 813½ Edgewater. She will appreciate visitors.

Cecil Kinzie who has been confined to his home with a heart condition has been able to be up and receive callers.



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GIVING GOD PRIORITY

Some people seem to think they are God's darlings. You say, Why? Because they are not scandalously wicked. Such a one will say, "I never murdered or robbed anyone. I have not committed adultery." They go right down the Ten Commandments. But wait! They fail to read about the Lord's Day — They have committed no crime — but they have failed to remember God. And the Lord's Day. This is a sin of omission.

Ask yourself, "Am I a **sporadic** Church goer. Go when I feel like it?" "Am I a **periodic** Church goer. Once in the month in Winter, not in Summer, on special days?" "Am I an occasional, who attends when nothing "more important" prevents" "Am I a **faithful** Church goer, who attends, rain or shine; Summer or Winter, because I love the Lord, Jesus Christ?"

Examine your heart. Don't commit the sin of omission and bring harm to yourself and hurt to those who look up to you. Be glad when they say unto you, "Let us go unto the House of The Lord." **COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY.** Sermon: "What A Good Man Sees In Church" Preacher: Our Pastor

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Of course Sunday School can not and does not take the place of Worship about the Lord's Table. The officers and teachers by word and example will tell you that. But the Church at study is very important. Here is where you refine your thinking under the guidance and leadership of good Christians and good Church members. In worship, in Communion you get the forgiveness and help to carry out your Christian decision. **COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY

COME TO CHURCH ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, FEBRUARY 12th.

Facts To Ponder

- . . . Disciples of Christ are both a rural and an urban people.
- . . . Sixty-nine per cent of our congregations are located in communities with a population of less than 2,500, but
- . . . Sixty-two per cent of our resident members are to be found in communities with a population of more than 2,500.

EVANGELISM in city areas is a major item in the program of evangelism of the Home Missions Division of The United Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Lyle V. Newman is working continuously with churches in our large cities.

Recently in New Orleans he spent a week with our two churches. A community survey was taken, and Mr. Newman preached each night. In Memphis he assisted in an interdenomi-

national religious census. In the next few weeks he will lead visitation evangelism projects in Evansville, Indiana, in which our three churches will participate, and in Birmingham, Alabama. In Washington, D.C., he will aid in an interdenominational evangelistic effort.

Reports from the churches show that hundreds have been received into fellowship by transfer of membership and by confession of faith, as a result of such projects.



"He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal."

Dr. Kenneth W. Bonham (cover) of Pendra Road, India, is to have a Jeep pick-up truck in which to make his calls in the town and the surrounding villages. His link church at Ashtabula, Ohio, has bought it as a part of its offering in *A Crusade for a Christian World* and it is now enroute to India.

Dr. and Mrs. Bonham went to India in 1932, and served at the Damoh station until furlough time in 1938. By the time they were ready to return to the field with their two sons, war regulations prohibited passage for small children. So until 1945 the Bonhams made their home in Enid where he taught courses in missions in Phillips University and served as director of health. He also gave much-needed medical service in the city during the war.

Upon their return to India in 1945 they were assigned to Pendra Road, the site of the tuberculosis hospital founded by our mission, but where we were doing no general medical work. Dr. Bonham has established a work in small, inadequate quarters. A gift from an individual in the United States has now made possible the funds to build a hospital and work has already been started.

Court yard of the Pendra Road hospital, Dr. and Mrs. Bonham, left.





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MEN'S FORUM

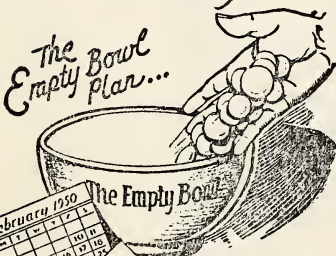
First meeting with new officers. **"SOCIALIZED MEDICINE IN GREAT BRITAIN."** IS THE SUBJECT. Rev. Russell Palmer, who studied in Edinburgh, Scotland, and now minister of the West Creighton Christian Church, will be the speaker.

Richard Fogle, cousin of Alan Bell, will bring special solo number, "Prayer Perfect." Group singing led by Rolland Ripple. Colonel Courtney Combs, president will preside over brief business session. Paul Whitton is vice-president and Robert Ashe is Secretary-Treasurer.

WEEK OF COMPASSION, March 5th to 12th.

Families of our Church will have the Bowl of Compassion at their meals. After Grace each day they will place in these bowls their gift of love to the unfortunate of the World, to be distributed by the Church directly to causes most in need in places of the world.

ONE GREAT HOUR
of Sharing



30 days
of family
sharing
for
Week of Compassion
March 5-12

BOWLING

Goodly numbers are bowling on Saturday night at G.E. Bowling Alleys. Remember the time is 7 P.M. this week. Come-Double Party on 18th. Eight Alleys are reserved.

BASKETBALL

First Christian vs. Gospel Temple. Y.M.C.A. Saturday 6:30 P.M.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet at the home of Misses Ethel and Sarah Shroyer, 1509 Hurd Street, Monday evening, February 13 at 8 o'clock.

CONGRATULATIONS

On birth of a daughter, Tuesday, January 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walker, 122 E. Williams. Also, to Mr. and Mrs. James Bodkin, on the birth of a son, James Lewis, Tuesday, January 31.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Eva Mosier has been confined to her home, 813½ Edgewater, by illness. Mrs. J. C. Koegel has been ill at her home, 1222 West Jefferson Street. Mrs. Raymond J. Bley, 2205 Curdes Avenue, has been ill. Mrs. Helen Croxton has been ill for several weeks and is now in Lutheran Hospital. Mr. Martin, father of Mrs. Clover Granstrator, fell and broke his hip. He is hospitalized at Portland, Ind.

ANNUAL INTERRACIAL MEETING

The Associated Churches will present their Fifteenth Annual Interracial meeting to be held Sunday afternoon, February 12th, at 2:30 P.M., at the Civic Theater. Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, will speak.

HONOR

Signal honor has come to Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., in being placed on Week Day Religious Education Committee of the International Council of Religious Education.



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NO FEELING OF INDEBTEDNESS?

Empty pews! Why? The people who should be in them on Sunday have no sense of indebtedness; of stewardship. It has never permeated their minds that they have received **everything** from God. The conviction has not grasped them that since God is their **Creator** and **Redeemer** that they are obligated and privileged to return to God a part of what they have received.

This applies not only to money but to time as well. We must give God **time** in our lives. All we have of hope through sense of personal worth and obligation to God and man stems from the foundations of Christian faith.

We give God **time** through regular attendance at our Lord's Supper and Worship and Meditation in Church. Through prayer-life, Scripture reading in our Homes. As Christians get hold of the idea of Christian Stewardship, Church attendance will increase as naturally "as warm air rises." "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord."

MY LENTEN

RESPONSE and RESOLVE

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KEEP LENT IN A SPIRIT OF CONSECRATION

Stewardship of Time

Mr. T. J. Liggett says, "*The stewardship of time is the secret of success for a missionary in Buenos Aires.*"

Mr. and Mrs. Liggett and their two small children are our only missionaries in Argentina for a short period. The day's schedule is strenuous. The alarm is set for 5:00 A. M. all too frequently. An 8:00 o'clock class in Union Theological Seminary requires forty-five minutes for travel each way.

Lunch is the one meal of the day when the whole family can be together. Then for Mr. Liggett the early afternoon is given to the work of mission treasurer. Later there are calls on church members and prospective members.

The supper hour depends on the program of the afternoon and evening. Three nights a week are occupied by church activities.

Around this schedule there must be arranged time for study, correspondence, committee meetings, counseling, preparation of two sermons and the mid-week Bible study.

Given a 24-hour day, the missionary is often called upon to decide between two tasks of seemingly equal importance. While doing the one job, he must at the same time be concerned about the one left undone.

Chapel, Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires.



Hazel Green Church Burns

Early Sunday morning, January 8, the Hazel Green Christian Church caught fire from an over-heated stove, and burned. The structure, seventy-five years old, housed a congregation organized by "Raccoon" John Smith more than a hundred years ago. Its membership is made up largely of the staff and students of Hazel Green Academy.

Part of the church equipment was saved from the fire, including the organ and the mechanism of the chimes which were installed a little more than a year ago. The loud speaker which broadcast hymns to the surrounding countryside was lost.

Plans were started immediately for the rebuilding of the church.



*Our
Father...*



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "WHAT ARE PEOPLE THINKING OF YOU?"

Great Choir

Great Hymns

A Blessed Fellowship

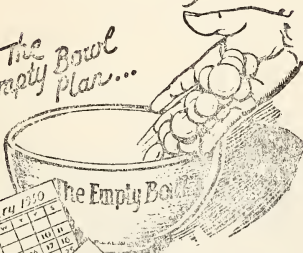
CHURCH SCHOOL —9:30 A.M.

Our Church School is growing. Keep it up.

JUNIOR CHOIR. Directed by Mrs. E. C. Schiller will meet Saturday, 2:15 P.M. Committee: Mrs. Irene Cline, Chairman, Mrs. Clyde Driver, Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mrs. C. E. Rudicel, Mrs. Raymond Sarrazin, Mrs. Carlyle Seibert, Mrs. Grant T. Munson, Mrs. R. M. Hopkins, Jr., Mrs. Harold Beck.

ONE GREAT HOUR
OF *Sharing*

The Bowl
Empty Plan...



Week of Compassion
March 5-12

VALENTINE PARTY PROGRESSIVE BIBLE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a Valentine Party on Friday evening, February 17, at 7:30 P.M. in the Social Room of the Church. Class members and friends are invited to attend.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, Fe. 21, at 1:30 P.M. The regular meeting will be at 2:15 P.M. This will be a Colonial Tea, which is an Annual Affair. Guests are invited. The Martha Circle has charge of the program and they have secured Mrs. Mary Louise Phillips as guest speaker. Mrs. Phillips is a graduate of Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee and came to Fort Wayne two and one-half years ago. Her home is in Battle Creek, Michigan. Her work has been with the Fort Wayne Urban League and Wheatley Center, first as Group Work Assistant and more recently as acting secretary of the Department of Organization and Community Service.

"BROTHERHOOD, A BASIS FOR PEACE" is the theme for the day and Mrs. Phillips will give an interpretation of a recent survey of the Social Planning Committee on the Colored Race in Fort Wayne.

Special Music will be by Beuford Williams and David Romary, students at Central High School.

The Naomi Circle is in charge of Devotions and the Ruth Group will have charge of refreshments and arrangements.

GAIL ROE, PRESIDENT MEN'S FORUM

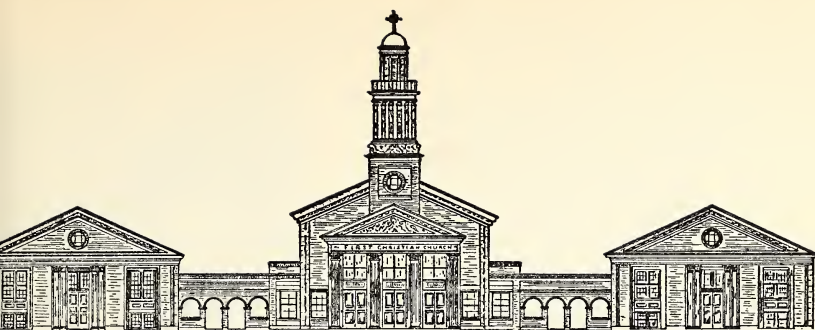
Gail J. Roe was elected president of Men's Forum at their regular meeting Sunday. A brief memorial service was held for Colonel Courtney Combs led by Albert Egly. Other officers are Paul Whitton, vice-president; Robert Ashe, secretary-treasurer. The nomination was made by Don J. Eyer.

BOWLING

COME DOUBLE CLASS SPECIAL GROUP, SATURDAY AT 7 P.M. **Eight alleys are reserved so all may Come.** Paul Whitton says, "make this our largest Saturday and your best time."

INVITATION

The Woman's Missionary Society of the West Creighton Christian Church is showing the film, "Kyoto Story" on Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:30 at their Church. Members of our Council and all members of the Church have been invited to attend. As they would like to know how many to expect, please call the office if you plan to be there.



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CALL TO SERVE TO EVANGELIZE

UNWILLINGNESS TO SERVE! Is that **A SIN?** Unwillingness of those, who have been redeemed, to give God time through their lives! Is that a Sin? Examine our days and your time. Are you busy with everything except with work for God. Are you suffering "from the garden variety of spiritual laziness?" Do you think you have a reservation on a Pullman car to Heaven?

LOOK IN EVERY REALM. When we see the operation of God's laws! Our God is not to be trifled with! He did not make **immortal beings** that they might spend their time like butterflies! flitting about from flower to flower. Do you think our Lord and blessed Saviour died on the Cross so that the redeemed might waste their time in fashionable frivolities, that they might loiter around in pleasureable doings? Christ came to save you to serve, everlastingly in righteousness and blessedness.

Why should the Church have to **plead with you?** It is your **bounden duty to work** for Christ and His Church. It is your **Christian obligation** to do what you can to win Men and Women to Christ and His Church.

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With Heads Bowed

The Day of Prayer, sponsored by the United Council of Church Women, had its first *world* observance in 1927. In 1950, 10,000,000 women in churches and synagogues of 92 countries throughout the islands and the continents of the world will join in a day of prayer for world peace and understanding.

They will pray in sixty languages—for health, for a better way of life for their children, for relief from war, for surer faith in God. The theme for the day is *Faith for Our Time*.

Divided as they are by national boundaries, racial restrictions, and language walls, the endless chain of prayer will draw all to a better knowledge of God and an understanding of each other.

"Create in us, O God, clean hearts and a right spirit. . . . Knit us together in love and labor, and use us by Thy Spirit for the healing of the nations."



LORD, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make!
Why, then, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee! —Archbishop Trench



Birthday Congratulations

Miss Zona Smith, veteran missionary to Argentina, celebrated her 75th birthday in October, 1949. Miss Smith went to Buenos Aires in 1910, three years after our first work was established. She engaged in evangelistic work in our Belgrano and Colegiales Churches, and in one year made more than four hundred visits in Argentine homes. When the Training School for Christian Women was established (it is now merged with the Union Theological Seminary), Miss Smith became its first director.

From the organization of the interdenominational Argentine League of Evangelical Women in 1917, she gave generously of her time to its work. For twenty-three years she was a member of our mission staff in Buenos Aires.

Since her retirement in 1933, Miss Smith has continued to make her home in Buenos Aires, and has served with the League of Evangelical Women on a voluntary basis. Her most outstanding contribution has been as editor of the monthly magazine *Guia del Hogar* (The Home Guide). Distributed to almost 2000 subscribers in most of the Spanish-speaking countries of South and Central America, it is an effective aid in evangelism.





Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

—John Oxenham

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Sermon: "Why Do People Misunderstand Us?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

"To attend services at First Christian is an unforgettable experience," said a visitor the other Sunday. Don't miss worship. Its help and inspiration will stay with you through the week.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Progressive Class and The Come Double Class are registering large classes each Sunday, and a growing interest.

ONE GREAT HOUR
of *Sharing*



Week of Compassion
March 5-12

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Georgia Young, 1834 Sinclair St. on Friday evening, March 3. Mrs. Guy Drewett is assistant hostess.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 Columbia Ave., on Wednesday, March 1, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Charles Dare from the Martha Circle will have the Program. This is a **Birthday meeting** and a **Birthday offering** will be taken.

The Dorcas Circle will meet Thursday, March 2, at 1:45 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet, 4206 Forest Hill, with Mrs. Robert Working and Mrs. Rolland Ripple, assisting. Mrs. Arza Smith will give the devotions and Mrs. Cecil Rice will present the program.

The Ruth Circle will serve a luncheon for the Public next Wednesday, March 1, from 11:30 to 1:30, at the Church. Tickets will be 75 cents.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson on the birth of Judy Ann, a lovely new prospective member for First Christian.

INTER-FAITH MEETING

At Plymouth Congregational Church Sunday, February 26, at 2:30 P.M. This Church is to furnish the Ushers for this meeting. Mr. Wells D. Burnette, Chicago, will deliver the address. Tea will be served at the Y.W.C.A.

BOWLING PARTY

Saturday: 7-9 PM. at Bowling Alleys — At Church, 9-10 P.M.

Miss Sarah Shroyer is in charge of a party for Bowlers following two hours bowling at General Electric Bowling Alleys. There will be refreshments and the showing of colored travel pictures. If you can come call Paul Whitton or Miss Shroyer.

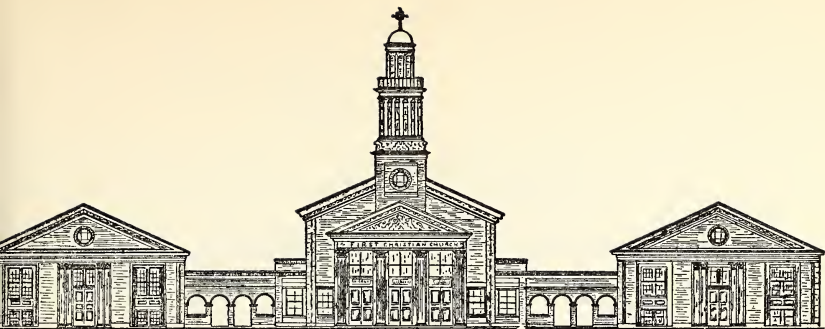
ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Wm. Moffitt was ill last Sunday. Miss Pearl Heidecker is confined to her home at 4001 Indiana Ave. Mrs. Maude Thurman has been confined to her home at 1010 Columbia Ave. by illness. Mrs. Eva Mosier has been ill at her home. Mrs. David Hogg is confined to her home due to an injury from an automobile accident.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Courtney Combs in her hour of sorrow. We have experienced a great loss in the passing away of Col. Combs on Thursday, Feb. 16, and we shall miss him very much.

We wish also, to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Juday in the recent loss of Mr. Juday's brother at Detroit.



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*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...
how often would I have
gathered thy children and
ye would not"... LUKE 13-34*

CHRIST'S LAST CLAIM

Jesus never minimized the inexorable laws of God. But the last claim for service is "Lovest Thou Me, More than These?" As we face the task of the Church we must face this question. And with it Christ's commission to evangelize. Every Christian must face this.

This year 40 Communion, guided by the department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches will put first the task of Evangelism. This department is headed by our own Dr. Jesse M. Bader. In Fort Wayne, your pastor heads the department of Evangelism of the Associated Churches. Therefore the First Christian has a real place of leadership.

In **THE LENTEN RESOLVE** 132 promised to attend Worship service during Lent—Until Easter 112 promised to observe some form of daily Devotions and 95 promised to invite people not regularly attending Church to the services of Our Church. Last Sunday the names of 45 prospects for our Church were secured during Worship Service.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Sermon: "SEND US A MAN"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

Sunday is **Second Sunday in Lent** and Begins the **Week of Compassion.**

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Many friendships begin as adults and children come to know each other as they study and work together in the Church School. Be present this Sunday.

ONE GREAT HOUR

One week is left — before March 12 when we shall observe the **One Great Hour.** Fill your Bowl with your generosity so that bowls of food may be given to the hungry of the world.

Service In Two Languages

The Paraguay Mission of The United Christian Missionary Society organizes its program to appeal not only to the Spanish-speaking population of the country, but also to those who use the English language. And there are many of them in the capital city of Asuncion.

Mr. Edward Cornelius plans and directs a weekly radio program of music, designed to appeal to the English-speaking community. Its purpose is to acquaint them with the work and needs of Sapucay Leper Colony.

The monthly English worship service at the church attracts Protestants in the diplomatic services and others in the city. Recently an English choir has been organized which adds further interest.



Scriptures For Japan

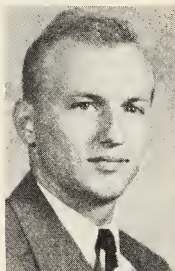
Four million copies of the Scriptures have been supplied to the Japan Bible Society by the American Christians, working through the American Bible Society, since the end of World War II. Three million additional copies will be furnished during 1950, it is planned.

General MacArthur has said that thirty million Scriptures will be needed ultimately to fill the eventual needs of Japan.

Part of the offering taken during the Week of Compassion, March 5-12, will assist the American Bible Society in such work.

Christian Youth Program

Robert Fudge, president of the International CYF Commission of Disci-



ROBERT FUDGE

ples of Christ for 1950, has just completed a four-months period of service to the youth program on a subsistence basis. This is a part of the brotherhood program for youth, sponsored thru the department of religious education of the United Society.

He is also an officer in the United Christian Youth Movement and, because of his work in that organization, attended the World Conference of Christian Youth in Oslo, Norway, in 1947.

In his service to the youth of the brotherhood, Mr. Fudge estimates he has traveled nearly 19,000 miles, and has spoken to 7,400 young people and 5,700 adults. He has visited eighteen states. His addresses have been given at state conventions, state youth conventions, planning groups, etc. He also spoke at the International Convention. In all his appearances he has sought to interpret the purpose and program of the Christian Youth Fellowship, and to lead the youth of the churches into a fuller appreciation of the Christian message for the world.

Mr. Fudge comes from Oklahoma City. He graduated from Phillips University in the class of 1949. He will now attend Vanderbilt University during the remainder of this school year, and in the fall will enter Yale Divinity School in further preparation for the ministry.



Harmon

*Then delicate through Winter's snow
Each silhouette still makes
Black filigree, with frostings rare
Of silver powered flakes.*

—Vere Dargen

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 5—Alan C. Bell, W. C. Birkhold.
March 12—J. Z. Berlien, Preston H. Somers
March 19—Dr. A. C. Worley, Dale Parkerson
March 26—B. W. Leversee, F. Wayne Rousseau

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Robert Working, Captain, A-66631, Wm. H. Crouse, Dudley Planton, Ralph J. Richard, Martin C. Brudi, Wm. E. Tracey, Dale C. Hiler, Gail J. Roe.
Official Board regular meeting, Wednesday evening, March 8, 8:00 P.M.

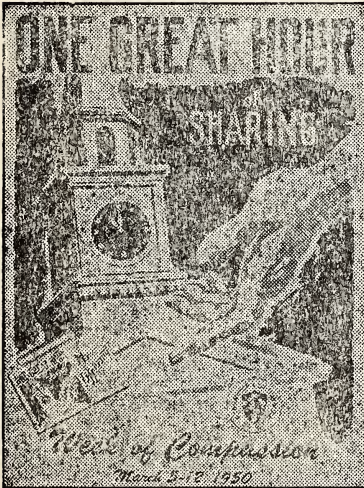
GENERAL COUNCIL

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, 1024 Farwood, Thursday afternoon, March 9, at 2:15. The program will be a discussion on the first two chapters of the study book, "The Man Who Wrote Scripture".

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. John S. Craig, 4516 Smith St., Wednesday, March 8, 8 P.M. Mrs. Stanley Cole, co-hostess. Program, "Women of The Bible", by Mrs. L. Harshman. Mrs. Aden Current will give the devotions.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. Myona Binkley, 2130 John St. Tuesday afternoon, March 7. Worship by Mrs. Irene Cline, program by Mrs. Joseph Siples.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. Amy Shawhan, 1123 W. Wayne St., Tuesday, March 7, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Nellie Newland will give the devotions and Mrs. W. H. Imbody will present the program. Her topic, "Be Ye Doers".



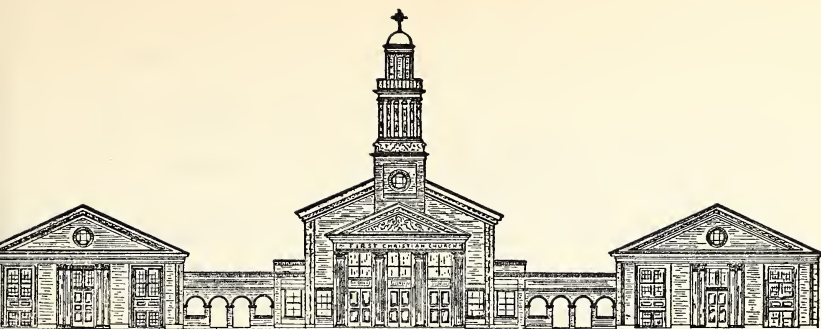
AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Mary Wagner suffered a fall and is confined to her home, 521 E. Masterson.
Robin Miller is confined to his home with Mumps.

BAKE SALE

The REBECCA GROUP will have a Bake Sale at Wolf and Dessauer's on Thursday, March 9.

GENERAL COUNCIL — RUMMAGE SALE — MARCH 22 and 23.



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Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: The Master Builder

PREACHER: Our Pastor



THE GREAT CONCERN

We are indebted to those who gave us names of prospects for our Church. Our men, two by two are visiting with Christ's invitation this week. The results are gratifying.

But we wonder. How well do we know our neighbors. It is none of our business? But if we are Christians our interest has gone far beyond the stage of business—it becomes a concern for us. The way you observe or fail to observe your friends or neighbors will indicate the quality of your relation with Christ.

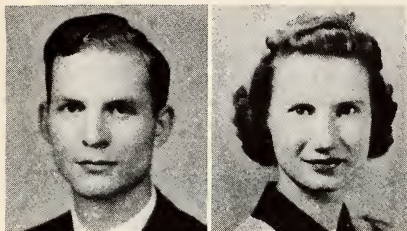
You first job, obligation, and concern as a Christian is to **Widen the expression of the spirit of Christ**, to influence others in living the good way of our Master.

The Beloved Community for you is First Christian—We read, "There is rejoicing in Heaven over **ONE** who turns from the error of his way." We too, rejoice as a church, as we have opportunity to welcome into our fellowship those who would follow Christ.

Make it your concern, the evangelism of the world, beginning in Fort Wayne—God bless our men who have made this their chief **concern this week.**

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Preparation Class for Church membership will begin next Sunday. Be sure your boy and girl of Junior or Intermediate age are in this Class.



Don Rice, the doctor, and his wife, the nurse, at Damoh Christian Hospital.

Dr. Don Rice of Damoh, India, Says

In 1949 I examined and treated over 4,500 patients. Some came as far as two hundred miles. We are the only hospital within a radius of fifty miles equipped to meet surgical emergencies.

Although we usually have no more than eight or ten in-patients at one time, there may be as many as twenty or thirty people staying in the hospital. One custom is to bring a relative or two to attend the patient and cook for him. This custom reduces the amount of nursing staff needed.

Damoh is a rapidly growing town of more than 40,000 with countless villages dotting the fields and jungles in all directions. We would like to spend more time among the village people. Many do come for medical treatment but they have to be quite ill before they will leave their fields and livestock to make the slow journey on foot or by ox cart to see the mission doctor.

A WEEK OF COMPASSION

Disciples' Share in the International and Interdenominational

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Lord, Who Is My Neighbor?

See the orphan child, homeless and helpless in Germany.

See the mother with a brood of fatherless children, living in a cave in Italy.

See the young woman of Africa. Her forefathers never heard of Jesus, but the story of Christ's saving love has been told by Christian missionaries to her generation. She needs to be educated to help her people.

See the Christian minister in the Philippines. His country was crippled by war and his church was destroyed.

A little help now will mean everything to his future.

See the missionary living and preaching the gospel in China. The last year has been the most fruitful of a long term of service. He needs the prayers of homeland Christians. He needs their help if his ministry is to continue.

See the Christian doctor in India. Oh, that he might have for his hospital equipment like that which American doctors have. Then he might save more of the children whose bodies are dwarfed with disease and whose lives are snuffed out needlessly.



Jesus the Boy

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RUMMAGE SALE

The General Council rummage sale is to be held March 22, 23 next Wednesday and Thursday. Please get your rummage there shortly after 7 P.M. on Tuesday or as early as possible on Wednesday. Mrs. Paul Whitton is in charge.

SACRIFICIAL PRAYER SERVICE — JOINT MEETING

The Sacrificial Prayer service will be on Wednesday afternoon, April 5, at 4:00 P.M. at the Church. A fine program is being planned. Make this meeting a part of your Holy Week Worship. All women of the Church are cordially invited to join with us. We are combining our Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Service and our Palm Sunday Sacrificial Service. Mrs. J. R. Coar, Missionary Chairman.

OUR NEW BABIES

Daughter Susan, born February 19, to Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Woolery. Mr. and Mrs. David S. Vesey are the grandparents.

Son, born March 11, to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Coffman.

Son, Robert Scott, born March 7, to Mr. and Mrs. George Murley. Mrs. Robert Scott is the proud Grandmother.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Raymond Rice, 1923 W. Main St., has been ill at her home.

LAST CALL — JUNIOR CHOIR

SATURDAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR CHILDREN TO JOIN THE JUNIOR CHOIR. Final decision will be made for robes at that time.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL?

A will is a private law, honored by the state, to protect personal desires and intentions beyond life.

Have You Made Your Will?

Of course, you should make provision for the payment of your obligations and your funeral expenses. There should also be some provision for your family or other dependents.

You should also provide something for your church. During your lifetime, you loved and supported your church. Your church ministers to you through all the varied experiences of your life, from the cradle roll to the grave. The church will be a comfort and a strength to your loved ones when you are gone. The church will have part in the loving service honoring your memory.

So why not have the satisfaction and contentment now of knowing that you are making some wise provision for the future of your church? A bequest need not be large to be gracious and helpful. Ten dollars is not too little and a million dollars is not too much. Several of our members have provided a gift for the church through writing of a will. You too should make such a provision. Or you might wish to leave some property or some bonds or stock to the church. But you should definitely remember your church in your will. Talk it over with your pastor or some member of the Official Board.

—"Church Bell"

ONE OF THESE DAYS I MUST GO SHOPPING

I am completely out of self respect. I want to exchange some selfrighteousness I picked up the other day for some humility which they say is less expensive and wears better. I want to look at some tolerance which is being used for wraps this season. Some one showed me some pretty samples of peace—we are a little low on that and one can never have too much of it. And by the way, I must try to match some patience that my neighbor wears. It is very becoming to her and I think it might look well on me. I might try on that little garment of long suffering they are displaying. I never thought I wanted to wear it, but I feel myself coming to it. Also, I must not forget to have my sense of appreciation mended. And look around for some inexpensive every day goodness. It is surprising how quickly one's stock of goodness is depleted." —Author Unknown



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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

A CALL TO WORSHIP

The Call of Christ is Insistent. "Come, Follow Me!" Again and again the world asks, "Where are His Followers!" Can the world see in us the faith and courage it lacks. Christians have the answer to the world's deepest need. To give the answer involves sacrifice. The Cross shows the quality of love that can answer the world's need.

Daily Read your Bible — Pray — Come to Church, Worship each Lord's Day

Sunday was a great day of victory—We cordially welcome the new members of our Church family. Our service was reverent, our congregation is friendly, our officers wait graciously upon our people and our choir brings inspiring music.

Our pastor is bringing special Lenten Sermons this year, you will be greatly helped. Come early, experience the whole Service.

Sermon: "What About Your Debts?"

Preacher, Our Pastor

Attendance was up again. Large Classes in Come-Double and Progressive. Clay Orchard is teaching the Men's Class effectively, join them in a cup of coffee, early, before Sunday School. Children's House is being filled. Class for Church membership taught by Mrs. Robert T. Beck.

C. Y. F. — 6:30

Youth had a great time last Sunday at the home of Gene Munro. This Sunday there will be movies of South America and South American Music. All young people invited.

CALL FOR TALENT

HOME TALENT PROGRAM, FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Again this year the Church with its friends will have a chance to enjoy our own talent. The call is going out. If **you know of Talent** or if you have **special talent**, please report to Alan Bell, David Griggs, Don Miller, Donna Leversee, Gene Munro, or Pastor or Church Office.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

Mr. Everett Shull, Mr. Charles E. Fuchshuber, Mr. Robert Rayl, Mr. John S. Craig, Mr. Wm. Munro, Mr. O. G. Baugher, Mr. H. M. Flowers, Mr. J. L. Brubaker, Mr. Robert Kuntz, Mr. Romane Cole, Mr. Glenn Miller, Mr. Hugh Rice, Mr. Gail Roe, Mr. George Bruckman, Mr. Robert Ashe, Mr. David Griggs, Mr. Irving Denton, Mr. Cecil Rice, Mr. Rolland Ripple, Mr. Delmas Young, Mr. Robert Clipp, Mr. Robert Working, Mr. Albert Egly, Mr. Alan Bell, Mr. Owen Vaught, Mr. Stanley Cole, Mr. Don J. Eyer, Mr. Wm. E. Tracey, Mr. James R. Shockney, Mr. G. Phillip Ripple, Mr. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. Sherman Myers, Mr. K. V Lytle, Mr. Arza Smith, Mr. Clayton Yoqulet and our Pastor, Rev. Robert T. Beck.

Our Church had a great experience this last week in calling in homes where there were those who should be in our Church. There were 30 commitments to Christ and His Church. We express our appreciation to these men who called and so ably represented our Church and presented the invitation of our Master.

BOOKS — BOOKS — BOOKS ! ! ! !

WHO HAS OUR BOOKS?

Mrs. W. H. Imbody, General Council Literature Chairman, is trying to trace some of our books which have been out of the Library for some time. Please check your book shelves and if you have one of these books and have finished reading it, please bring it with you the next time you come to Church or Council meeting. THANK YOU.

THE SECRET PLACE IS READY FOR YOU—It will add to your devotional life Get your copy Sunday.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. E. L. Harris, 936% Lake Avenue, **Wednesday, March 29**. Mrs. David Hogg will give a book review.

The regular meeting of the Dorcas Circle will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Tracey, 804 Colerick, Thursday, March 30th, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Kenneth Lytle has devotions and Mrs. M. S. Kreps will have charge of program.

ILLNESS

Dr. I. W. Ditton fell, recently, and fractured his back. Best wishes from the Church.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHURCH BOARD ANNOUNCES COMMITTEES FOR 1950

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THE CHURCH and PATRIOTISM

One of the great bulwarks for a Democratic state are churches like the First Christian whose members feel their obligation to serve their Nation. Disciples of Christ have always been active in the Nation's life. James A. Garfield was a minister in our Brotherhood and is the only minister that was elected President of the United States. Today both the U. S. Senate and the House, and the U. S. Supreme Court have among their outstanding members, Disciples of Christ. It will be recalled that the great Alexander Campbell served in the Virginia Legislature and helped to write the Virginia Constitution. He was a close friend of Thomas Jefferson.

So it is with satisfaction and pleasure that we report high interest in our local congregation in the affairs of our Government.

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL

former Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

Alex Campbell has announced that he will seek the Democratic Nomination for the United States Senate on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Campbell is a direct descendant of Thomas Campbell, father of Alexander Campbell who were among the Founding fathers of our Movement. Alex. Campbell is a former Elder of this Church and is at this time one of our Trustees. He has spoken before our International Convention, at our National City Church and before many meetings of Church Men's leagues of our Brotherhood. He was the first President of the Men's Forum of our Church.

While a student in Indiana University, Alex was active with the Campus Christians having served faithfully with the College group in the Christian Church at Bloomington.

At this time he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Indiana University.

While United States district attorney in Northern Indiana he tried and convicted over 6000 law violaters. Mr. Campbell is a hard hitting attorney and will conduct a vigorous campaign when nominated.

ALBERT EGLY

Former Director of Indiana C.C.C. and C.P.S. Camps in the U. S. Forest Service

Albert Egly has announced that he would seek the Democratic nomination for State Representative at May 2 primary election. Mr. Egly has been and is an active member of our Church. He was an Elder and is now a Trustee. He served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the University Park Christian Church when he lived in Indianapolis. He has taught the Men's Class in this Church. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Men's Forum and is President of the Men's Class. Last year he was Chairman of the Official Board.

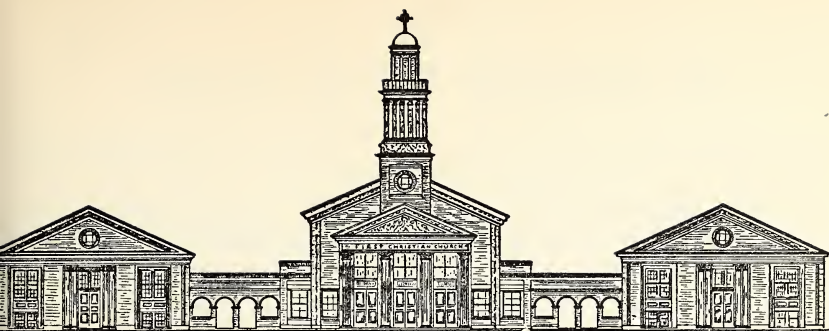
Mr. Egly has had wide experience in business as Bank Cashier and as operator of his own business and is at this time associated with DeVille and DeVille Public Accountants. He will conduct a strong campaign when nominated.

MRS. CHARLES E. DARE

Mrs. Dare has announced she would seek the office of Precinct Committee woman on the Republican ticket.

Mrs. Dare is a Deaconess in this Church. A former President and now Vice-President of the Woman's Council. She is a former teacher of the High School group of our Church school. She has taught for many years in the State Summer Young Peoples Conference of our State. She has been active also in inter-Church relationships. Mrs. Dare is past-President of Fort Wayne Parent-Teachers Association, also Regional Vice-President of P.T.A., and is the Editor of the State paper published by this organization.

We congratulate these fine members of First Chirstian and wish them every success



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KEEP LENT IN 1950

A CALL TO WORSHIP

Sunday Is Palm Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:15 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:10 A.M.

Our Junior Choir will lead the Procession of the Palms by the Children. The Palms by Faure will be the special number. Mrs. E. C. Shiller has been directing this choir of around 30 voices and this will be the first opportunity our Church has had to hear them.

Special Quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brubaker and Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Bell will sing, "Into the Woods" by Lutkin.

The Choir will present, "Hail Him Who Cometh" by Wilson.

Among those to be received will be Children in the Church Preparation Class.

A Baptismal Service will follow the formal Service.

Sermon: "The Journey Ahead"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School will dismiss at 10:05 in preparation for the parade of the Palms. Classes should convene at 9:40 A.M.

Attention Parents: Children planning to be received into the Church should meet with the Pastor Saturday at 1:15 P.M.

Junior Choir Practice, Saturday at 2:15 P.M. Every member should be present.

C. Y. F. — 6:30

Plans and Program for Easter to be completed, following Worship and discussion.

THEY CONTINUE TO COME

Again last Sunday our Church rejoiced at the reception of new members. Others are yet to come. Speak to your friends. This is a great time to find a Church home and to renew Christian living.

The Philippine Mission Reports

Funds given in *A Crusade for a Christian World* by the churches in America, and allocated by The United Christian Missionary Society to the Philippine Mission, have:

Constructed ten new church buildings.

Reconstructed five church buildings, after damage in the war, or by typhoon—or both.

Repaired seven church buildings.

Supplied roofing for twenty chapels in the Apayao, Abra and Ilocos areas of the northern part of the island. The people of the congregations provided lumber for the framework and for siding, transported the galvanized iron roofing over steep mountain trails, and supplied the labor for construction.

Constructed buildings for the new high schools established at Lamao in Abra Province, and at Kabugao in Apayao, Mountain Province.

Repaired the educational building and Adamson Hall at Laoag.

Repaired the dormitory building at Vigan.

Put a concrete floor in the dormitory building at Bangued.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chatfield, appointed missionaries to the Philippines in 1947, were given the specific responsibility of assisting in construction work. They have served eleven churches of Disciples of Christ in the area of Manila, and eleven in the northern area of the Vigan and Laoag stations. They have aided in building the twenty chapels, and in repairing other mission buildings.



Church of Christ, Noveleta, Cavite area, reconstructed with Crusade building funds.

The Chatfields were in the pastorate of Central Christian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, when appointed. His experience as a builder and hers in office and bookkeeping work, together with their service in the pastorate, have been valuable assets in mission service.

Other missionaries in the Philippine Mission are: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lord, and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Tye. In addition they have had the assistance of Mr. Louis Saunders, a chaplain with the U. S. Army, who remained with the Mission for two years, and two missionary wives from China who spent part of last year in the Philippines to avoid the civil war in China.

" . . . they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and everyone who heard him was astonished at his intelligence and at the answers he made."
Luke 2:46



In the Temple

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DAYS AHEAD HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Paramount Theater, April 3 to 6, Dr. Frederic Stamm, Speaker. Our men will usher on Thursday. Services are at noon.

Good Friday, in various sections of the city. Our Pastor will speak at the First Baptist Church using the Fifth Word, "I Thirst." Mr. O. O. Vaught will be the soloist from our Church.

WEDNESDAY: Sacrificial Prayer Service at 2:00 P.M. at First Christian Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY This service has become a highlight in our calendar year. In ritual taken from the Didache and other ancient sources, the atmosphere of the Last Supper is brought with reverent effect. All members are cordially invited.

Great program for Easter Sunrise Service, Breakfast, Great Worship Service. C.Y.F. Men's Forum 5:0. And a treat in a fine Musical Program at 7:30 P.M. Make Easter a day you will long remember.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 2—Cecil Rice,	W. C. Birkhold
April 9—Glenn Miller,	J. Z. Berlien
April 16—Alan C. Bell,	F. E. Morrical
April 23—C. E. Fuchshuber,	Preston H. Somers
April 30—W. C. Birkhold,	Dale Parkerson

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Merland G. Heller, Captain, H-1490. Herbert Banet, J. W. Haffner, Jay J. McCarel, Chester L. Follis, Donald E. Coffman, William E. Munro, Robert W. Ashe.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Martha Circle will not hold a meeting in April.

The Ruth and Rachel Circles are postponing their meetings until after Easter.

SACRIFICIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday afternoon, April 5th at 2:00 P.M. This will be a joint meeting of our Holy Week Prayer Service and our Annual Sacrificial Service. A fine program is being arranged by the Missionary Committee and we hope you will make a very special effort to add this meeting to your Holy Week **MUSTS**. Sacrificial Offering envelopes have been distributed for your convenience. If you have not received your envelope, they will be available at the meeting next Wednesday. The Offering will be applied toward our goal.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. J. Z. Berlien and Miss Rita Roe have recovered from the flu.

Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. Geo. Bellinger, Mrs. J. R. Coar are among our folk who have been ill.

Mrs. Robert Fahl underwent surgery, at St. Joseph's Hospital, on Monday of this week. She is improving nicely.

Miss Margaret Smelser is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, having undergone an appendectomy.

Mrs. John Apt is a patient in the Lutheran Hospital.

BOWLING

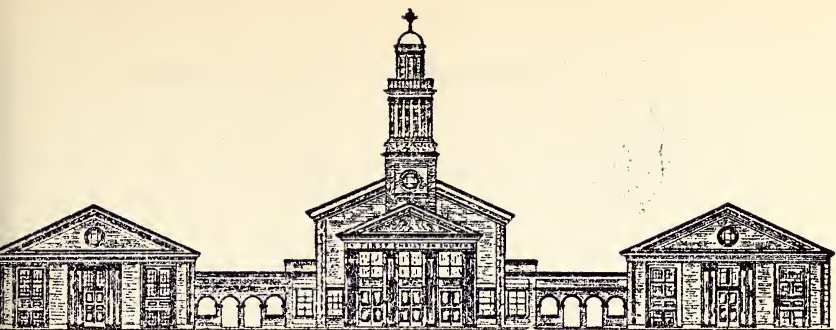
We will not BOWL this Saturday evening. Alleys are not available to us due to Bowling Tournament. We will bowl as usual next Saturday night, April 8.

A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Ludwig a son. Born last week at Lutheran Hospital. Best of wishes to parents.

LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Those wishing to have lilies as memorials for loved ones will please have them at church by Saturday. We need many lilies to make our Church beautiful. They may be taken away after the services if you desire to do so. However, we would appreciate having the lilies for Easter also.



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E A S T E R D A Y

"LIFE THAT SHALL ENDLESS BE"

"... I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me though he be dead, will live on, and whoever has life and believes in Me in all eternity cannot die."

—Jesus (new translation)

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Sermon: "He Goeth Before You."

Preacher: Our Pastor

Great Easter music by the Choir

Lilies and Flowers as gifts and memorials.

Service of Baptism follows Worship

Great Communion and Registration Service.

CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.

Goals have been set for Easter—Each Class should see that all members are notified.

Easter Offering goes to Work in America

YOUTH PROGRAM

Easter Morning Sunrise Service: Youth meet at Church at 4:30 A.M. Breakfast at Church.

C. Y. F. 7:00 P.M.

MEN'S FORUM — 5:30 P.M.

Outstanding representative of Alcoholics Anonymous from a neighboring City will be guest speaker. Also, Mr. Sterling Staver, Parole Officer for State Prison will answer questions in open forum. **This will be one of our best programs.**

Special Music — Group Singing, led by Rolland Ripple. Brief business session with President Gail Roe, presiding.

AND WHEN the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen.

They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed.

He said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you into Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."

Mark 16:1-7

Arise, O soul, this Easter Day!
Forget the tomb of yesterday,
For thou from bondage art set free;
Thou sharest in His victory
And life eternal is for thee,
Because the Lord is risen.

—Author Unknown.

Hope and faith find assurance in the mesage of Easter. Hope for the eventual victory of right; faith in life everlasting for those who seek Christ as Lord and Savior.



IN HUMILITY we come on this Easter morning, our God and Father, with the sweet-smelling spice of our devotion, to find in this sanctuary a deeper knowledge of Thy love for us. We cannot but remember the events which have led us to this day—the dark hours when we have closed our hearts to Thy love and our minds to Thy leading.

Forgive our doubts, our waywardness, our Father. Open our hearts and minds to the truth, that we may more completely do Thy will. Free us from selfish pride and from low ideals. Show us the way to more abundant life, everlasting life, through service as Christ bade us serve.

We pray in the name of our Savior. Amen.



"He has risen, he is not here"

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EASTER EVENING MUSICAL — 7:30 P.M.

An unusual program of music will be presented by our Choir under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Schiller, assisted by guest artists. Mrs. Maybell Beatty of Huntington, Vocal Soloist, and Mr. Dan Sterner, Pianist will highlight the program. Another feature that is always appreciated by our Church will be given by Mrs. Robert Scott at the organ and Miss Mardelle Fisher at the piano in duoists selections. Mrs. Helen Howard, Reader, will interpret suitable selections on the evenings program. The Junior robed Choir of around 30 voices will also appear on the program.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rachel group will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St. for a pot-luck luncheon at 12:30 P.M. **Tuesday, April 11th.** Mrs. Joseph Siples will give the devotions and Mrs. Egly will be the guest speaker.

Public Luncheon

The Ruth Circle will prepare and serve a public luncheon Wednesday, April 12, from 11:30 to 1:30 P.M. Following the luncheon, the Circle will meet together for their regular group meeting.

The Esther Circle will meet at the Church, Tuesday, April 11th, for a covered-dish dinner meeting at 6:00 P.M.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Cl. D. Palmer, 2625 Wells St., Friday, April 14th, at 8 P.M., with Mrs. Lillian Gagnon as assistant hostess.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. John Leikauf fell last week and fractured her hip. She is in the Lutheran Hospital. Mr. Clinton Keith is a patient in Methodist Hospital having undergone surgery. Robin Miller is ill at his home, 1024 Farwood Dr. Miss Dorothy Murphy was ill but is improving, 607 Meyer Ave. Mrs. Amanda Parks is quite ill at her home, 622 E. Wayne St. Little Miss Carolyn Cline is ill at her home, 129 E. Lexington. Mike Symms is home with the mumps.

ROOM FOR YOUR AUTOMOBILE

Arrangements have been made for those coming to the Services of the First Christian Church to have free parking at Roger's Drive-In (one block West) and at the T.Y.V. Parking lot (one block East of the Church).

CALL FOR BAND PRACTICE

NEXT TUESDAY EVENING at 6:30 P.M. musicians are asked to bring their instruments for Band Practice. Mr. O. E. Ogden will direct the band. See Alan Bell, Glenn Miller, David Griggs, Gene Munro or Don Miller for any additional information.

OUR BABIES — —NURSERY IN CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Our Registered Nurse who cares for our babies and small children during the Church services reports that over 20 different small ones have been left with her. **COME TO CHURCH** leave your children in OUR Nursery. There will be additional help on Easter.

MEMORIAL LILIES AND FLOWERS

PLEASE HAVE YOUR FLOWERS AT THE CHURCH BY SATURDAY AFTERNOON

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Walker Cramer in the recent loss of Mr. Cramer's mother. Rev. Beck had the services on Wednesday.



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ON TO PENTECOST

After Easter; WHAT? God gave the answer in the New Testament Church—Easter is not enough! We need Christ and His Church.

During these seven weeks every member should think through his relation to Christ and His Church.

You Need The Church—The Church needs you.

Your Church is Necessary for your soul.

Brings you in contact with the Eternal.

Gives you the greatest blessings in forgiveness—comfort, hope and moral strength.

Makes your home, business, property, and life safe.

Keeps the world from destroying itself and you.

Provides a place for meeting God in Corporate Worship.

Offers you opportunities to invest time, strength and money in serving God.

Assists and strengthens your home life and helps you in rearing your family.

From Easter to Pentecost — Think — Pray. As Christ gave himself for the Church, commit your life beneficially in the Church, to God.

What are you doing for the Church?

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "Quitters"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" by Wildermere.

Mrs. Clyde Brown, Guest Sololist

Great Easter Crowd—Greatest in years in spite of deep snow—Great Offering — Great Music — Real Reverence.

Be in your place this Sunday — Come Worship God, as you should, about our Lord's Table.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Easter Offering held over until next Sunday. Classes are having a healthy growth. Progressive Class with Hugh Rice as teacher and "Dick" Schrecongost as President are having a fine response.

Men's Class went over their Easter goal — Good fellowship is being developed around coffee Half-hour. Clay Orchard, Teacher.

Women's Classes have a sustaining interest. Mrs. Ray Woodhull teacher of Ladies' Bible Class. Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Teacher of Friendly Bible Class.



Missionaries of the Philippine Christian Mission of The United Christian Missionary Society: LEFT TO RIGHT, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Tye, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Huber, and Judy Tye.



A Complete Christian Service

Mexican Christian Institute at San Antonio, Texas, conducted by the department of institutional missions of the United Society, carries on a total of thirty-eight activities. There are boys' and girls' clubs, a kindergarten, clinics, parents' clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, recreation, etc.

Last year 3,644 different people were served in some way by the institution. A typical day might include: the kindergarten, General Sick Clinic, a cooking class for girls, woodwork for boys, the Junior Club for boys, Co-ed club for young adults, English class for parents, and supervised playground activities for boys and girls. There is sure to be someone out in home visitation.

Cross-reference files in the office of E. G. Luna, director, carry complete information on families in an area covering 152 city blocks. Charts indicate the progress being made in diarrhea control, due in large measure to an educational program carried on by the Institute.

M.C.I. serves a population equal to

that of a small town—17,000 persons who represent 3,400 families.



DP Pier Reception

One of the services rendered by local churches in New York City, Boston and New Orleans, is that of providing volunteers to meet boats bringing DPs to these ports.

Working with Church World Service staff, at least ten persons are present each time—two or three times a week in New York—to greet the newcomers. They help with baggage, and through customs, then escort them to the railroad station and see that they have a hot meal.

Ministers, church school workers, leaders in women's groups, students, and others, many of whom speak several languages, help the people feel at home, and see that they get safely on their way to inland points. Dolls and toys are provided by church women for the children.

In New York alone, 6,000 passengers have been met so far, on 85 boats.

The Rebirth of Faith

As long as every April brings
The sweet rebirth of growing things;
As long as grass is green anew,
As long as April's skies are blue,
I shall believe that God looks down
Upon His wide earth, cold and brown,
To bless its unborn mystery
Of leaf, and bud, and flower to be.

—Sara Henderson Hay.



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YOUTH GROUP 6:30 P.M.

Important Plans—Good Program—Fellowship for High School and Youth Group.

E. STANLEY JONES

Beginning Sunday evening at North Side High School Auditorium 7:30 P.M. Each evening. Thursday and Friday evening in First Presbyterian Church. Great Union Services sponsored by Associated Churches of Fort Wayne. Be sure to hear this **outstanding Christian Leader**.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council will hold its meeting on Tuesday evening, April 18th at 8 P.M. The Evening Guild is in charge of the program. Mrs. Ansel Worley will review the book, "Never Dies The Dream," by Margaret Landon, author of the book, "Anna, and The King of Siam." The Esther Circle is in charge of Worship; Naomi Circle, hospitality; and Rebecca Circle, refreshments. The Executive will meet at 7:15 P.M.

LILIES FOR EASTER

Unable to secure all the names, we can list among those who had flowers in Church on Easter: Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Owen O. Vaught, Mrs. Elizabeth Moser, Mrs. Blanche Nichols, Mrs. C. R. Sargent, Friendly Bible Class, Ladies' Bible Class and the Woman's Council.

OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW

Easter saw many more coming into our church fellowship. Many more are to come. From Easter to Pentecost is a time to urge that friend of yours to choose First Christian for their Church home.

TITHING IN OUR BROTHERHOOD

There are many tithers in First Christian. Our Brotherhood is making an appeal to all those who haven't tithed to try tithing from Easter to Pentecost. If you aren't tithing, accept this challenge.

HOME TALENT!!

Call for talent — Our Band needs musicians. Our choir good voices. If you have talent, get in touch with David Griggs, Alan Bell, Don Miller, Gene Munro.

EASTER COMMUNION WINE

The Easter Communion wine was furnished again this year by our faithful member, Mrs. Mattie Yonkman.

JUNIOR CHOIR PRACTICE

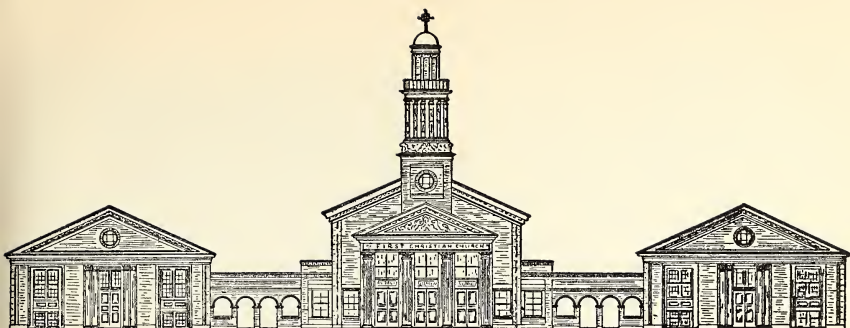
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BAND PRACTICE

Band practice will be held this next Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. O. E. Ogden will direct the band. The band is open to both adults and youth. Bring your instrument and come on time.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. J. McCarel and family in the loss of her Mother, Mrs. Amanda Parks, who long has been a faithful member of this church. The funeral service will be held at the Klaehn Funeral Home Friday, 14th, 4:00 P.M.



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ON TO PENTECOST

Every Good Christian cherishes the meeting about the Table of the Lord Each Sunday.

Every informed Christian knows there are two ordinances, Baptism and The Lord's Supper.

Every Active Christian recognizes his duty is to be in the Morning Worship Service where the Lord's Supper is celebrated.

Every Consecrated Christian accepts this obligation and seeks to obey Christ's command to keep in remembrance His love and sacrifice.

"If a man love Me, he will keep My words." That is a statement of Truth—not an exhortation. **He will—not he should.** You have the obligation. But essentially if **you love Me, you will.** Conversely, if you do not, your love is more a self-deciet than a reality. The measure of your love is **doing.**

In your home from now to Pentecost—Think—Read the Bible—Pray—Speak to another and bring him to Church.

What Are You Doing For The Church?

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "Faithfulness"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music: Quartette — "Whispering Hope"

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Our High School group has been having good attendance—David Griggs is sponsor and teacher.

The LaKoda Class with Rolland Ripple as teacher is open to all young people over High School age.

The Softball players are being registered. William Munro, assisted by B. W. Leverage, are managing our softball team this summer.

Band Practice Monday evening at 7 P.M. Bring your instrument and help make our Home Talent Night, June 6, a big success.

C.Y.F. 6:00 P.M.

Young people of high school age and older meet for fellowship and discussion. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Baugher will meet with young people this Sunday. David Griggs will lead the program.

Hope Personified

Meet Virginia, who for almost two years has made her home at Hope Hospital in Aguascalientes, Mexico. She is the pet of the staff, always under foot—and loved by all.

Virginia was born in Hope Hospital two and a half years ago. Her mother died. Her father, caretaker for 28 years at the San Luis Potosi station and an elder in the church, tried to care for the tiny new baby with the help of his other children, but she did not thrive. When she was returned to the hospital, the spark of life was very dim.

Look at her now. Full of health, and a constant reminder that the doctors and nurses are constrained by the love of Christ. Patients come as far as 200 miles because they have heard of the Christian love and care afforded at Hope Hospital, one of the institutions of our Mexico Mission.



Report From A New Missionary

Since her appointment as a missionary to Puerto Rico, less than a year ago, Miss Mildred Durrett has developed as a special project a children's library in Spanish at McLean Conference Grounds. Circulation during January

Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward with Miss Mildred Durrett
at Missions Building.



was 159 books, with 57 persons reading.

The real importance of such a project is all but lost to those of us who live in the States where each community has its own library, where magazines and cheap editions of best-sellers flood the market. But to the children of rural Puerto Rico it is a dream come true.

Miss Durrett also teaches the children's class in the Sunday school at McLean. Every Sunday during January was rainy but in spite of this the average attendance was 56 for the five Sundays.

Recreation for young people and children is one of her responsibilities. First aid is dispensed. And before the return of the Garland Farmers from furlough Miss Durrett was driver for the station wagon given by the link churches of the Farmers. She reports, "During the month of January, the station wagon covered 2120.6 miles of Puerto Rican curves in the service of McLean."

*He sends the warmth of spring,
This time of blossoming;
Then sing,
O spirit of Japan,
Then sing!*

Joyohiko Kagawa



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STATISTICS

Roger Babson declares that Christian people hold the largest share of the wealth in America and therefore, have the largest incomes though they represent but 50 percent of the population.

A Tithe, 10 percent, of that income would have been nine to ten billion dollars. But did Americans give the Lord His share? No! they gave 910 millions which is less than .01 percent. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." I Cor. 4:2.

AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave. Mrs. Maude Thurman, 1010 Columbia, has been ill, but is greatly improved.

HONOR ROLL

Includes those who have paid up pledges through March 31, 1950:

Rev. & Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mrs. Ethel Bellinger, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Robert Anderson, Mrs. W. John Apt, Bernard Ashe, Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Ashe, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ashe, Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Banet, Mr. & Mrs. Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Baugher, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Beck, Patricia Beck, Martha Jeanette Beck, Mrs. Jeanette Barbier, Mr. & Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Karen Branstrator, William Branstrator, Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Brubaker, Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Miss Eunice Clark, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mr. & Mrs. Don E. Coffman, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Cole, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. & Mrs. John S. Craig, Miss Marilyn Crouse, Mr. Marvin L. Crouse, Mr. Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. L. M. Cruse, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Denton, Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, Mrs. Ella Diss, Dr. & Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Harold Donelson, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Mr. & Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fahl, Miss Mardelle Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. & Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Dwight lowers, Mr. & Mrs. H. M. lowers, Lloyd Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mrs. Frank Frame, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Janice Fuchshuber, Bonnie Lou Fusselman, Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Lillian Gagnon, Mrs. Martha Gaunt, Mr. David Griggs, Mrs. Irene Hamman, Stevens Hand, Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Harriet Heaney, Miss eParl Heidecker, Mr. & Mrs. Mi G. Heller, Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Mr. James M. Hirschy, Miss Sally Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Miss Kathryn Hoover, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Howell, Miss Mildred Hutchinsinon, (Continued next week)

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HAVE YOUR FAITH LIFTED

We are going through strenuous times. None of us find it easy. Some have more than their share of heartaches, disappointments and grief. It is the way of all flesh.

But remember God is faithful. When one is strong physically, he is able to ward off many diseases. We sleep, we eat proper food, to build up worn out tissues and nerves. When one is strong spiritually he is able to carry on in spite of difficult times. We must develop our religious life, by prayer, meditating on religious and Biblical literature, by worship and communion in God's House, by bringing our problems to Christ. Thus we learn to "meet every situation as it's master."

YOUR FAITH CAN BE LIFTED IN CHURCH

For there is the Word of God

There the Bread of Life

The well of living water

The mighty fortress

The service training field

There the presence of God

There the Communion with the Saints

There the hymns and prayers of God's people

There Jesus, Lover of your soul

Your faith can be lifted in Church

In your home from now to Pentecost—Think—Read the Bible—Pray—Speak to another and bring him to Church.

What Are You Doing For The Church?

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "When One Can't Face the Future"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music: Solo by Mrs. L. A. Horn

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Call is given for talent to report. Officers are asked to talk it over with Classes.

Band practice Monday evening, 7:00 P.M.

Softball players are asked to register in Church entrance.

Call for meeting of talent at 7:30 Sunday Evening.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

Call for all young people. Good program. Many plans to discuss.

REMEMBER DAYLIGHT TIME BEGINS SUNDAY

Prayer For The Land



"We beseech thee, gracious Lord God, to remember thy servants in all country places who labor to cultivate and make fertile the land. Give them in all times a patient and reverent devotion to their high calling. Strengthen them with hope to meet all hazards, trials and frustrations. Bless their labor with fruitfulness. Refresh their toil with thy goodness.

"Stir up in us a kindly management and understanding of all beasts and birds among whom we work, remembering that by thy hand we and they and the whole earth were created. Amen."

Filling Up The Ranks

Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, held its commencement exercises on November 20, 1949, for a graduating class of nine. Dr. E. K. Higdon, candidate secretary for the United Society, who was present, reports the sanctuary of the Central Methodist Church was filled with friends and relatives of the students.

Following the commencement address, the presiding officer, Dr. Juan E. Gattinoni, a member of the faculty, called upon the graduates to stand, and their relatives with them. The wives of some and the parents of others responded.

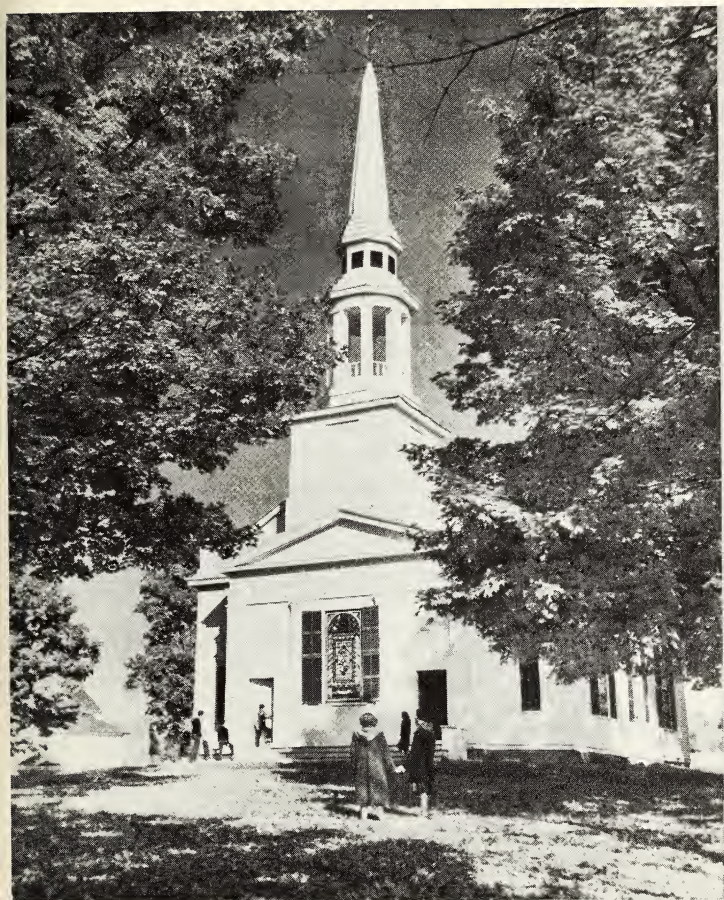
Before the charge was given, and the prayer of dedication, Dr. Gat-

tinoni made an urgent appeal to other young men and women in the audience. He called for volunteers for full time service to fill up the ranks so that the Seminary might continue to train youth for the ministry, for religious education, and for Christian social service. Nine young men and women came forward to stand behind the graduates in token of their response.

Disciples had four students in the Seminary last year, but none among the graduates. Ramona, who is from Paraguay, is following the course for laymen and plans to return to work in the church in Asunción. The others are from our Colegiales Church in Buenos Aires.



*Library at Union
Theological Semi-
nary, Buenos
Aires.*



I THINK God feels himself the owner here,
Not just rich host to some self-seeking throng,
But friend of village folk who want him near
And offer him simplicity and song.

—Violet Alleyn Storey

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum has set Sunday evening May 21, as Ladies Night. Keep this date on your Calendar.

INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Inactive membership in a church is **worse** than none. It implies no support is given: demands a service not earned: presumes a loyalty to Christ, not demonstrated. **An inactive member** is one who is unknown until he desires a service from the Church. He is a **dead head**, an added weight on the group, for he supports not, and yet, is a constant threat to the time and energies of others.

Think it over, Member: Are we right or wrong? Are you an active member or do you just belong. — Progress East End Christian Church, Pittsburgh.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Names of those whose pledges are paid for the first quarter of 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bruner, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hendrickson, Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Oscar Isay, Rev. Richard and Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Mrs. Ella King, Mr. and Mrs. George King, Norman King, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, Mrs. Dora Knife, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mr. and Mrs. George Krall, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mr. Charles Krick, Mrs. J. F. Lahmeyer, Miss Donna Leverage, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. J. J. McCaferl, Mrs. J. J. Mc McCaferl, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinney, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan, Donald Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mrs. M. E. Monroe, Miss Edna Moore, Mr. M. F. Morkoetter, Donald Munro, Mrs. Florence Munro, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Munro, Mrs. G. T. Munson and Family, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mrs. Cora Nowells, Miss Ernie Owen, Mrs. Margaret Owen, Miss Sharon Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pennington, Mrs. Orpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pifer, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Pribble, Mrs. Rosella Randolph, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ripple, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. Geo. C. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe, Miss Rita Roe, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Miss Lenore Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Miss Barbara Rudicel, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rudicel, Mr. James Rupel, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Russell. (Continued Next Week)

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Circle will have a potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Carlyle Seibert, 2521 Broadway, on Thursday, May 4 at 1:30. Those having birthdays the latter half of the year will be hostesses with Mrs. Kenneth Dibble as chairman. Mrs. Wm. Tracey will give the devotions.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield Ave., Thursday, May 4 at 2:15 P.M.

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. Ward Bundy, Tuesday, May 2. Mrs. Myona Binkley will have devotions. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist is in charge of the program. The group will have a Bake Sale.

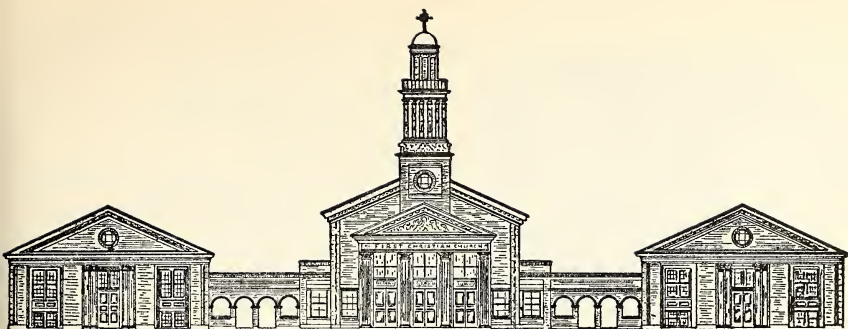
The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Stickler, 1614 Crescent Ave. Wednesday, May 3, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. E. N. Schlatter will give a paper on Japan.

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. J. R. Coar, Suburban Drive, Tuesday, May 2 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Fred Wilson will give the devotions and Mrs. Royal Rider is the guest speaker.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Woman's Council is sponsoring a Mother and Daughter Banquet for the women of the Church on Tuesday evening, May 9. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. All women and their daughters, daughters and their mothers are invited to attend this banquet. Tickets are 65c. Reservations **MUST** be in by Sunday, May 7. Get your tickets from any Circle Project chairman or from Mrs. Paul Whitton or Mrs. Vaught. The Evening Guild is in charge of program and something very nice is being planned. The Rebecca Circle has charge of decorations.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST, MAY 15. MRS. VIRGIL SLY, GUEST SPEAKER,



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ON TO PENTECOST SUNDAY IS FAMILY DAY

"As for me and My House"

"The Hearthstone is the cornerstone of the "World," said Richard Cobden. Here is where character is built. Neglect here may mean disaster. A good home observes and teaches the proper rules of hygiene, proper diet and courteous, considerate manners.

A Christian Home reads The Bible, teaches the children to pray. From those who have prestige there is incalculated reverence for sacred things, for personality, for God, and a devotion to the Church becomes natural.

"As for me and My House, **we will serve the Lord.**" This was the conclusion of one who observed wisely.

This is Family Week. What is your decision? You cannot be for Christ without being for His Church, for he is The Head and Chief Cornerstone. Free your home from fear and anxiety. Commit your home to Christ. **Serve the Lord!**

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE CHURCH?

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "What Has Got Into You?..."

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music: Soloist, Mrs. Alan Bell.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Home experience **Helps your Child.** Grow religiously together. **This is Family Sunday.** Let the whole family come to the Church School! Grow Church-minded together.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

Open to All Young People

MOTHER—DAUGHTER BANQUET

May 9 at 6:30 P.M. That Mothers and Daughters may fellowship together, the General Council is sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Banquet. Miss Iva Spangler, guest speaker, will talk on "Vacation Spots" and will show slides. The Evening Guild is in charge of the program. Dorcas group is in charge of special music. **Reservations** for the banquet should be telephoned to Mrs. Paul Whitton by **Friday, May 5th.**

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum has set Sunday evening May 21, as Ladies Night. Keep this date on your Calendar. Tickets will be available Sunday. See Gail Roe or member of committee.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Rice

Rices in Jubbulpore

Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Rice, veteran missionaries to India, are now with the Christian Boys' High School at Jubbulpore. Our mission cooperates with the Methodists in this school which enrolls about 800 each year. More than one-third of the boys are Christians.

Because of the sudden death in January of Lalit K. Shah, principal of the high school, Mr. Rice was asked to fill that position. He and Mrs. Rice will teach, and are responsible for the dormitory which houses about thirty-five boys.

After a lapse of fourteen years, the Rices returned to India in 1947. Since then they have served in the Mungeli-Takhatpur area. They had expected to be stationed at Damoh this year, where in their former service they gave eighteen years to the boys' school. But the necessity to provide a substitute for Mr. Shah caused plans to be changed.

Says Mr. Rice about this work: "We are hoping to spend the rest of our term at this work, and pray that God may use us in training Christian citizens for His Kingdom and for the new India."

Christian Education In the Family

"The family has primary responsibility for the religious nurture of children," says Richard E. Lentz, director of adult work and family education of the International Council of Religious Education. "Influences of home create the foundation of character, morality, and religious faith."

Protestant churches are earnestly seeking ways of assisting their members in practical plans for a more intensive program of Christian education in the home.

Formation of a national strategy for Christian education in the family will be the objective of a special conference this summer. Plans are under way to call together 140 delegated leaders at Lake Geneva, July 16-23, for eight days of intensive planning and work together. The conference is under the direction of Mr. Lentz.

Specialists from the fields of pediatrics, psychology, sociology, general education, psychiatry, and social work will be present as resource leaders. The program will consist of addresses and discussions, practical planning, demonstration hours, worship, and recreation.

Miss Genevieve Brown, executive secretary of the department of missionary education of the United Society, is a member of the program committee.

I am the Child.

You hold in your hand my destiny.

You determine, largely, whether I shall succeed or fail.

Give me, I pray you, those things that make for happiness.

Train me, I beg you, that I may be a blessing to the world.

—Mamie Gene Cole.

***"Thou must be true thyself
If thou the truth wouldst teach!"***



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MAY BREAKFAST

The Annual May Breakfast will be May 16th at 9:30 A.M. Mrs. Virgil Sly will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Helene Rodda has been secured to care for small pre-school children in the Children's House from 9:30 until Noon, for the convenience of Mothers wishing to attend the Breakfast.

EVENING GUILD

The **Evening Guild** will meet on Monday evening, May 8, at the Church, at 8 P.M. Mrs. Russell Palmer, wife of Minister at West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, will be the guest speaker. Her subject, "Britain As I Saw It." The Guild is entertaining members of the Rebecca and Esther Groups of the Council.

The **Martha Group** will meet at the Church for their May meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2:15 P.M.

The **Esther Group** will meet at the Church, Monday evening, May 8 at 6 P.M.

CHARTERED BUS TO STATE CONVENTION — LEBANON, INDIANA

To accomodate the women of the Church, the Council is planning to charter bus transportation to **Lebanon on May 17th**. This is women's day at the State Convention. Reservations **MUST** be in by **Sunday the 7th**. For particulars please call Mrs. Vaught. All women of the Church are invited.

SYMPATHY

Miss Dorothy Murphy was called home recently on the death of her mother, who had been ill for some time. Miss Murphy is a loyal and faithful member of our Church and our heart goes out to her in this loss.

Harold Martin, working with a group of scientists in search for uranium in Utah, was in a boat that captized and was drowned. This stream is very swift and the body has not been recovered. Our sympathy is extended to his mother, Mrs. Raymond Martin and his two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sentman were in the city recently after attending the funeral of Mr. Sentman's step-mother.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. Herman W. Sigrist is in the Methodist hospital for observation and treatment. Mr. Sigrist is a Trustee of our Church.

ELDERS SCHEDULE EFOR MAY

May 7, F. Wayne Rousseau,	Dr. A. C. Worley
May 14, Alan C. Bell,	B. W. Leversee
May 21, C. E. Fuchshuber,	Cecil Rice
May 28, Glenn R. Miller,	Floyd E. Morrical

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Henry M. Flowers, Captain, H-40022; Arza Smith, J. Hugh Tracey, Carter D. Palmer, Meldren S. Kreps, Dr. R. W. Goebel, James R. Shockney, Don J. Eyer.

If unable to serve please call your Captain.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. & Mrs. Martin C. Brudi, Miss Anita Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. George Krall, Mrs. C. R. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sarrazin and Family, Patty & Carole Seibert, Mr. & Mrs. Carlyle Seibert, Miss Edna Saxon, Miss Millie Scherrer, Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Semones, Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Miss Amy Shawhan, Mrs. Mae Sheline, Mr. & Mrs. James Shockney, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. Everett E. Shull, Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Siples, Mr. & Mrs. Arza Smith, Forrest Smith, Mr. P. H. Somers, Mrs. Edith Stevens, Mr & Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Michael Symms, Mrs. Roger Symms, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Mrs. E. C. Tatman, Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mrs. Louise Ternet, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tharp, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Timbrook, Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. & Mrs. J. Hugh Tracey, Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Tracey, Miss Harriet Treace, Mr. & Mrs. David Vesey, Mrs. Gladys Wells, Mrs. C. B. Whitman, Doyle Whitton, Gerald Whitton, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Whitton, Robert Whitton, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Wise, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Working, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. N. Yonkman, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Mr. & Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. & Mrs. Delmas Young, Sylvan Young.



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SUNDAY IS MOTHERS DAY

Our Christian Heritage is priceless! This great heritage includes our Christian homes, our free churches.

Without a Christian Mother a real home of love, kindness and Christ-like spirit is hard to build.

Christ through the Church has purified and has given mother love a new meaning and childhood real significance.

Christians everywhere should crowd the Churches Sunday. Your presence in church each Sunday is a vote and witness for Christian living, Christian homes.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE CHURCH?

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "Faith of Our Mothers"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music: Junior Choir and Ladies Quartet.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Home experience **Helps your Child.** Grow religiously together. **This is Family Sunday.** Let the whole family come to the Church School. Grow Church-minded together.

Those planning to attend Summer Conference should see the Pastor or Mr. Leversee.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 6:30 P.M.

All youth of High School or College age are invited.

MEN'S FORUM — LADIES NIGHT

May 21st, 6:30 P.M.

Get your ticket from some of the representatives this Sunday

CO-CHAIRMAN COUPLE PARTY FOR NEW MEMBERS

Wednesday Evening, May 24

All those who have come into our Church since January will be guests at a party given by the Co-chairman couples. Also, all those who have been sick and are well again will be included in this invitation. A most joyful evening is planned and this date should be reserved.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN CHINA

"If the Apostles had said they could preach Christianity only in democratic countries, Christianity would not have even gotten started. Because there weren't any democratic countries then! Jesus and his early disciples and apostles, including Paul, lived and died under a totalitarian government. Living and working in a democratic country is a great privilege, but one that Jesus never experienced and one that Paul did not demand as a condition of his missionary journeys! Then why should we?"

This is the statement of Lewis Smythe after several months under Communist government in Nanking, China. He has served as missionary under the United Society since 1928. Mrs. Smythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett, was born in China. One of their daughters is in school in the United States, the other is with her parents in China.

It is significant that our missionaries stay on in spite of anxious days and some restrictions on their activities. They intend to remain as long as they can render the service to which their lives have been dedicated.

Mr. Smythe continues, "It is now stated in Washington that there are

3000 Americans living in Communist China. Except for a very, very few incidents—for the most part involving consular personnel—none of these Americans have suffered any injury. Some restriction on travel is about all they have suffered. And no American has been killed in the process. Back in 1927, when the Nationalists took Nanking, they killed seven foreigners the first day . . . While there is a lot of anti-American Imperialist propaganda, there has been a consistent effort since Liberation to protect American nationals living in Liberated China.

" . . . Mrs. Smythe and others have seen five national flags in China in five decades! . . . We think we have now won enough popular recognition as a humanitarian agency that we can continue on that basis even though the legal basis is challenged."

Christianity has a place in China—that is evident. Without relinquishing any of their Christian beliefs and principles, and by sympathetic and friendly relationships with the people, missionaries keep alive the spirit of the gospel, leaving the outcome to God.

As long as children, young people, and adults need the ministry of Christian missionaries, Christianity will have a place in China.



*God thought to give the sweetest thing
In his almighty power
To earth; and deeply pondering
What it should be — one hour
In fondest joy and love of heart
Outweighing every other,
He moved the gates of heaven apart
And gave to earth — a Mother!*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN



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THE TIDE IS MOVING IN

Our Church is a prospering, growing Church. The following have been received into our Church since the last report: 31 were by baptism, 23 were by transfer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schnobel, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Seibert, Miss Loretta Watkins, Willis E. Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wise, Mrs. Robert Binkley, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Culbertson, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Wheaton, Larry Lee Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker, Marilyn Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hagar, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hadley, Richard Renbarger, Lawrence Coleman, Sally Coleman, Steven Coleman, Mrs. R. C. Baskin, Shirley Richard, Alice Richard, Jack Flaugh, Douglas Baker, Billy Huoser, Miss Sharon Richhart, Miss Margie Watkins, Carol Rose Sorg, Mary Lou Sorg, Laura Ann Rhodes, Diann Marie Laden, Thomas Ray Laden, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Laden, Wendell H. Ingleman, Mrs. Edward Huff, Don Richhart, Michael Symns, Miss Jacquelyn Brinkman, Janet Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones.

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THESE PEOPLE INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MAY BREAKFAST

Tuesday, May 16, 9:30 A.M.

Members and Friends of the Church and their guests are cordially invited to attend this gala occasion sponsored by the members of the General Council. The Missionary Committee, Mrs. J. R. Coar, chairman, has been fortunate in securing Mrs. Virgil Sly as our guest speaker. Mrs. J. C. Koegel will give the devotions. Members of Rachel group is in charge of Hospitality, the Martha group will prepare the breakfast. Special music will be furnished by the Dorcas Circle.

WOMAN'S DAY — STATE CONVENTION — LEBANON, INDIANA — MAY 17

Chartered Bus leaves the Church at 5:45 A.M. Wednesday. The minimum round trip fare is \$2.80 depending on the number going. Our quota is 15. 9 have made reservations and we need 6 more to fill our quota. The bus will be shared with ladies from West Creighton Church. If fewer than 15 go from our Church, the fare will be proportionately more.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Baby girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillip Ripple on May 3, 1950.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Aden Current is a surgical patient in St. Joseph's Hospital and is doing satisfactorily. Mr. H. W. Sigrist has undergone surgery at the Methodist Hospital, and is recovering satisfactorily.

A PREPARED AUDIENCE

"Now if we expect a prepared sermon, has not the preacher a right to expect a prepared congregation. To hear with real and lasting profit what the preacher says, it is necessary to come prepared to give unwavering attention; and that attention must be prepared for in advance. Think, you expect to hear—what? why, the word of God, of course. Sermons are usually an exposition of God's word. They summon attention away from things of the flesh and time, and usher us into the vestibule of eternities. Light is poured forth; information of things heavenly is imparted; solace, comfort, inspiration, are communicated—provided the listeners are capable of receiving them."—Judge Frank G. Tyrrel.



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ON TO PENTECOST

SUNDAY IS ASCENSION SUNDAY

This Sunday the Christian Church testifies to its belief in the fact that Christ reigneth forever.

Your Church emphasizes Jesus, Lover of Your soul

If you love your Church sincerely

If you live for your Church fully

If you attend your Church services regularly

If you pray for your Church, **Work** for your Church

Give for your Church — **Bring** others to your Church

You will be doing the greatest favor possible for yourself and for others. And only a blessed hereafter awaits you.

Do the right thing for your Church.

A Contingent of the Fort Wayne Commandary No. 4 Knights Templar will be guests at our Morning Service, commemorating Ascension Sunday.

Our pastor is a past Commander of Washington Commandary No. 33. We welcome these Christian Knights.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "The Ascension"
Special Music.

Preacher: Our Pastor
The Men's Chorus

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

"You can't carve rotten wood" is a Chinese proverb. There is no political alchemy by which we can get living timber out of rotten wood. The Church of the living God is our only hope. It can keep the best in Mankind alive and fruitful.

MEN'S FORUM — LADIES NIGHT

Sunday, May 21st — 6:30 P.M.

Head of the Parole Board, **Jean Copeland** will be the guest speaker. Sterling Stover, District Parole officer will also speak. Gail Roe, president, will preside. Paul Whitton, vice president, will also report in sports. Robert Ashe, secretary, will bring additional reports. Rolland Ripple will lead in Group singing. Men's Chorus and Saxophone Sextet will bring special musical numbers.

MUST HAVE YOUR RESERVATION NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY EVENING



Typical ox cart on the highway near Coronel Oviedo.

Victory In Paraguay

Coronel Oviedo, in Paraguay, rejoices at the prospect of several new members to be added to the church soon. Perhaps already they have been baptized.

It was in January, 1947, that the first missionaries went out to this country town to open a mission station. Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Adams, newly arrived on the field, had explored the possibilities for work and found the need here pointed to many opportunities for Christian service.

In 1948 the first convert was baptized—a man from the town.

About the first of January this year two boys, who had been very regular in attendance at church services, asked for baptism. Mr. Adams then announced a class to be con-

ducted under the title "What Must I Do To Be Saved." When the time came for the first meeting, five people were in attendance. They show a good understanding of the step they will take.

Almost two years ago Senor Jara asked for baptism, but since he was not married although the father of five children, it was denied. Recently he and his wife came for the wedding ceremony, and on the following Sunday she came with him to church. They, too, may be added to the church soon.

The work of the Lord proceeds slowly in Paraguay, and each step represents hours of tireless work on the part of the missionaries, but progress is indicated as lives are changed.

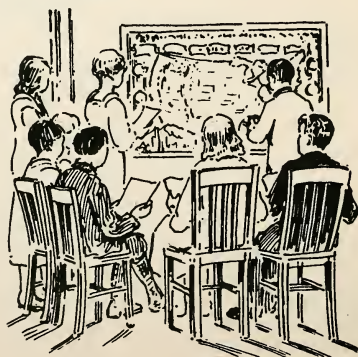
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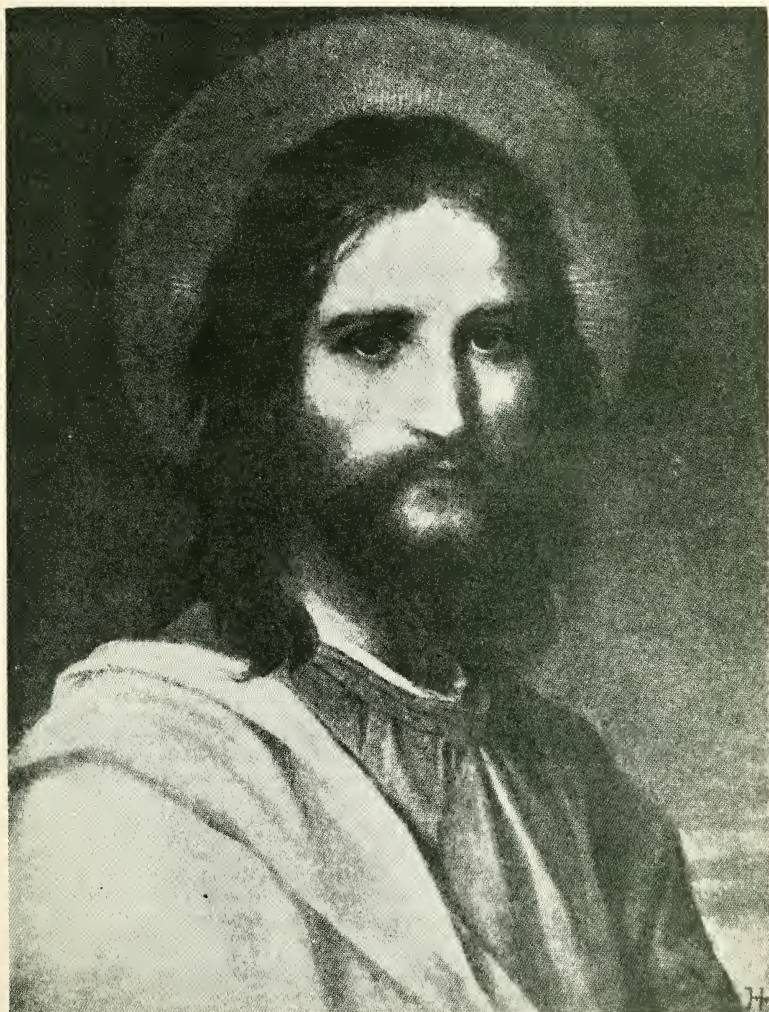
From hearing a bit of information, one retains 15 per cent. In at one ear and out the other, as it were.

From reading, one retains 35 per cent. The literacy program of the church is fundamental to vigorous Christianity.

From seeing, one retains 50 per cent. Visual education strengthens the teaching program of the church.

From participation, one retains 85 per cent. The secret of learning the Christian way of life is in living it.





Hofmann

.. Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

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Final plans for trip to Pokagon.

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OUR CHURCH VISITOR

Beginning this week Mrs. Irene Cline becomes the Church Visitor for the First Christian Church. This will meet a long felt need. Our church is growing rapidly and the number of families in our church increases each month. This new office in our church will make it possible for our church to serve its membership more efficiently. Mrs. Cline has been active in the life of our church; serving in a number of offices in the Woman's Council, as Sunday School teacher and now as deaconess. She comes with a fine church background to her new position. She has one daughter, Caroline. We welcome her to the Church staff.

AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Loretta Watkins had a successfully tonsilectomy last Saturday. Little Miss Orchard had her tonsils removed last week. Mr. Aden Curren has returned to his home from the hospital. Miss Clarissa Magner remains in the Methodist Hospital. Herman W. Sigrist is convalescing successfully after undergoing surgery in the Methodist Hospital. Arlen Smell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smell, is home with the measles.

HONORS

Signal honors have come to a number of our High School people. Among them was Miss Dona Mae Schrecongost, a member of the Honorary Society who won a scholarship to Ball State College. Miss Shirley Johnson a member of the Honorary Society, has won a scholarship to Indiana University.

HOME TALENT EVENING, JUNE 2nd.

The program is shaping itself for this enjoyable evening in our church. The Band is practicing every Monday evening under the direction of O. E. Ogden and will present some very enjoyable music.

I WON'T PLEDGE

Too bad! The man who never makes a pledge—

1. Cannot have a telephone in his house unless he makes a **pledge** agreeing to pay for it.
2. Cannot have gas in his house unless he makes a **pledge** to pay for that.
3. Cannot have water turned on until he signs a **pledge**.
4. Cannot cash a check until he signs on the back which is a **pledge** that he will see that it is paid.
5. Cannot get married, for in that he makes a **pledge**.
6. Cannot own property for he has to sign a **pledge** to pay taxes.
7. Cannot be a citizen of the United States until he makes a **pledge** to support the government.

Sure, everyone makes **pledges**.

—A. B. C. Booster



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SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY — MAY 28th

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

PENTECOST MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A VICTORY FOR THE CHURCH

The First Church set the Pattern

NOTE THESE FACTS: Those who took the words (of Salvation) to heart were baptized.

THEY STUDIED the Apostles teaching

They had **FIXED TIMES OF PRAYER**

Observed **The Lord's Supper**

All the faithful held together

There was gladness and simplicity of heart

They won favour with all people

Each day the Lord added those that were saved to THE FELLOWSHIP

What are you doing for The Church?

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: **THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY**

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music, Duet: Mrs. Robert Ashe and Owen Vaught.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL believes that it has a distinctive and indispensable task in modern life—to give an understanding of the Christian religion as it comes to us in history, especially in the Bible. To present a clear grasp of Christian ideals and to enable people to see what is the Christian Way of Life.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

Program — Worship — Plans for Summer. BE PRESENT.

The Church And War

With this theme as the keynote, a historic conference of Christian people was held in Detroit, May 8-11. Knowing that millions outside the church and inside it are looking for a clear concise statement of what Christian peace action is, a group of 500 conference members met to try to form such a statement. They represented the major Protestant church bodies of America.

Papers were presented on the theological background, the political and

social program, and the day-to-day practical expression of Christian peace action.

Prof. Pitirim A. Sorokin of Harvard University, in his paper, said that history may be giving the churches a last chance to revitalize and respiritualize. He described a third world war as "the greatest possible evil that can befall mankind."

The findings of the conference will soon be ready for presentation to the public.



Building For Peace

International Christian University of Japan, proposed for erection by Christian people, is for the specific purpose of training leaders for new Japan. Canada and the United States have joined Japanese Christians in the effort.

Architects have made the drawing below, showing buildings to be erected on a 350-acre site at Mitaka, fifteen miles from the center of Tokyo.

A financial goal of 150,000,000 yen was taken by the Japanese people. Already it has been exceeded by almost 5,000,000 yen, most of which has been paid. The Emperor and Empress made gifts of 100,000 and 50,000 yen respectively, but the major portion of the funds given in Japan was by Christians.

For the United States and Canada the goal is \$10,000,000. Protestant Christian young people were given an opportunity in April to vote for goodwill between the nations by signing a roster, which will be presented to the youth of Japan, and by giving one dollar each toward the fund for the university.

The dream of such a university has persisted through two world wars, but now is on the way to becoming a reality.



*I kneel to pray,
But know not what to say:
I cannot tell
What may be ill or well;
But as I look
Into Thy face or Book
I see a love
From which I cannot move:
And learn to rest
In this—Thy will is best.*

—Mark Guy Pearse.



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OUR GRADUATES

Among those who graduate this year are Miss Jean Hedman, Miss Shirley Johnson, Miss Dona Mae Schrecongost, Lowell Dare from our High Schools. Miss Virginia Dare will receive her degree from Indiana University this spring.

HOME TALENT NIGHT — JUNE 2 — 8:00 P.M.

READINGS — COMEDY NUMBERS — SKITS

MUSICAL SELECTIONS — 16-PIECE BAND

A grand time for every member of the Family. Proceeds to go for a new Sound-projector. Adults 50c, Children 25c.

CHILDREN'S DAY — JUNE 11th

Sunday morning the Children of our Church School will present a Children's Day Program.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Dorcas Circle. Mrs. Lawrence Horn, 2614 Timbers Drive, will be the hostess to the Dorcas Circle, Thursday, June 1st. Mrs. Hugh Rice is the assistant hostess and Mrs. Rolland Ripple will give the devotions. Mrs. Chas. Pennington will report on the State Convention.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 E. Masterson Ave., Thursday, June 1st at 2:15.

PUBLIC LUNCHEON

The Martha Circle is serving a PUBLIC LUNCHEON on Friday, May 26, from 11:30 to 1:30 P.M. Chicken will be served. Price of tickets 65c. Everyone is cordially invited.

AMONG OUR SICK

Little Eddie Bell has the measles. Donald Miller is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital having undergone surgery last week. H. W. Sigris is home from the Methodist Hospital.

THE FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave., Friday evening, June 2, at 8 p.m.

WHY I SHOULD JOIN THE CHURCH

1. I ought to belong to the Church because I ought to be better than I am. Henry Ward Beecher once said, "The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians but a school for the imperfect ones."

2. I ought to belong to the Church because of what I can give it, as well as what I may get out of it. The Church is not a dormitory for sleepers; it is an institution of workers. It is not a rest camp; it is a front-line trench.

3. I ought to belong to the Church because every man ought to pay his debts and do his share toward discharging the obligations of society. The Church has not only been the bearer of good news of personal salvation; it has been and is the supreme uplifting and conserving agency without which "civilization would lapse into barbarism and press its way to perdition."

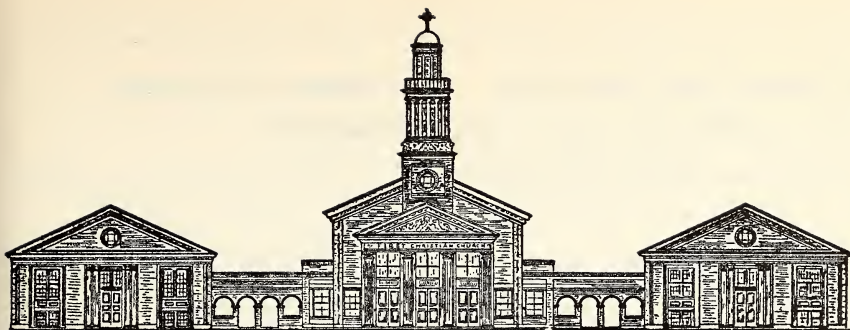
4. I ought to belong to the Church because of memories—of things that will fade; memories of vows that are the glory of youth.

5. I ought to belong to the Church because of hope—hope that lives when promises are dead; hope that paves the way for progress; hope that visions peace and social justice; hope for time and hope for eternity—the great hope that casts its anchor behind Jesus Christ.

6. I ought to belong to the Church because of the strong men in it who need reinforcing; the weak who need encouraging; the rascals in it who need rebuking. If I say that I am not good enough, my humility recommends me. If I sit in the seat of the scornful, my inactivity condemns me.

7. I ought to belong to the Church, but not until I am ready to join a going concern; not until I am willing to become an active partner with Jesus Christ.

—Dr. Daniel A. Poling



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CHRIST CAME TO ENRICH LIFE

We dare not scale life down—We must not make our duties smaller. In the world in which we live, we must stress the importance of resolution and strength. Cool judgement is needed in facing the Russian threat.

Christians should be most free from prejudice and illusion. It will take **intelligent planning — willingness to sacrifice, and dynamic faith** to achieve peace in our day.

The test is do we love Jesus less than the need of our day demands—**As a part of His Church.** He expects you to be loyal.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "The Remaking of Man"
Special Music

Preacher: Our pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Applications for Intermediate Camp and Summer Conference should be in this Sunday.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M. — At Church

The C.Y.F. will go on June 10th to Pokagon Park for a Planning Conference. Will leave from the Church around noon.

AMONG OUR SICK

"Skipper" Orchard has had the measles. Miss Carole Seibert is minus a pair of tonsils. She went through the ordeal nicely.

OUR GRADUATES

Among our graduates this year are: Miss Jean Redman, Miss Ann McClain, Miss Shirley Johnson, Miss Dona Mae Schrecongost, Robert Whitton and Lowell Dare in our High Schools. Miss Virginia Dare receives her degree from Indiana University and Miss Gayle Scott receives her Master's from Purdue University. Jack Weicker will finish his residence work on his Ph.D. at Indiana University.

BASEBALL

Our team has won the first two games. Congratulations.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Rolland Ripple, Captain, H-02564; Cecil A. Kinzie, Leo E. Miller, Wm. M. Moffitt, Fred H. Wilson, Romanee H. Cole, Robert Rayl, Richard Schrecongost.

All Work And No Play

Boys in small towns and in the country have hunting, fishing, and swimming for recreation. Usually there is horseback riding, and no limits on space for playing.

Those in urban areas are not so lucky. There is no nearby creek or stream, horseback riding is for the wealthy. But most communities do provide a playground or school, and some neighbor boy may have the luxury of a yard into which he may invite his friends.

There is a tendency to forget the crowded, neglected city areas like that in which Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, is located. Here parks are lacking, as well as the "old swimming hole." Homes are crowded, streets are dangerous for play.

The response to invitations extended boys of the area to participate in free play on the Mission grounds, and enroll in the classes for all ages, has been good. Last year 799 boys took part in the program. Supervision was given by one full-time and three part-time workers, and other volunteers. In the area are 2,342 boys between the ages of 5 and 16.

For Better Christian Education

A World Institute on Christian Education, to be held July 22-August 10, in Toronto, Canada, will have in attendance 250 Christian education leaders. These will come from over fifty countries of the world. They have been nominated by their national Christian education councils and been given a special invitation to attend the Institute.

These delegates hold positions of leadership in national, denominational, and interdenominational programs of Christian education, are teachers of Christian nurture or in theological seminaries, or will in the near future assume such responsibilities.

The program of the Institute will consist of worship, conference-seminars, lectures, planning commissions, and fellowship. This intensive program is expected to serve as a real summer school in better Christian education methods. Coming as it does just prior to the World Convention on Christian Education, it will enable delegates from distant countries to attend sessions of both gatherings.

Jesse Ybarra, full-time director of boys' work at M.C.I., knows they like to dabble in paint.





Look to this day!

***For it is life, . . . yesterday is already a
dream, and tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well lived, makes every yesterday
a dream of happiness and every tomor-
row a vision of hope.***

(Author unknown)

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 4—Dr. A. C. Worley	Dale Parkerson
June 11—F. Wayne Rousseau	Cecil Rice
June 18—Floyd E. Morrical	Preston H. Somers
June 25—J. Z. Berlien	Charles Fuchshuber

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Naomi Circle will have a picnic luncheon with Mrs. Frederic Smell, Maumee Road, **MONDAY NOON, JUNE 5th.** Please note changed date.

The Rachel Circle will meet for a potluck luncheon with Mrs. Jos. Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave., Tuesday, June 6 at 12:30 P.M. Mrs. W. W. Bundy will give the devotions and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien is in charge of the program.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 441 Buchanan St., Tuesday, June 6, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Leo Miller will give the devotions and the program topic is, "Current Events" the group participating.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Wednesday evening, June 7, at 8 p.m. at the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly are grandparents of a new grandson, David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Egly.

DISTRICT ONE DAY CONVENTION AUBURN, JUNE 6

The women of the Council usually sponsor this meeting, but it is for ALL MEMBERS of the Church who wish to attend. Make reservations for transportation NOW. Each person going is to take a sandwich. The Host Church will furnish the drinks and dessert. You will enjoy the fellowship and inspiration of the meeting.

SPECTATORITIS

"Too many church-goers are in the grip of the deadly American disease of 'spectatoritis'. Many of us hear prayers said, but do not pray; we sing hymns half-heartedly and absent-mindedly, and we hear listlessly the sermon. The reality of worship is lost to all but those of singleness of purpose.

"I also would like to make a plea for keeping Sunday for worship.

"I do not do this from any disposition to argue the inherent rightness or wrongness of many things we do on Sunday, but out of a profound conviction that we cannot survive spiritually without special emphasis on worship one day a week.

"Even mules kept in the darkness below ground for mine work, are brought to the surface light once a week in order to keep them from going blind. So do we need to keep one day when we come out of the darkness of the world and into the light of God.

"We cannot but have grave misgivings about a people who do not keep sacred for worship one day in a week."

—R. E. Gilmore

HOME TALENT NIGHT — JUNE 2 — 8:00 P.M.

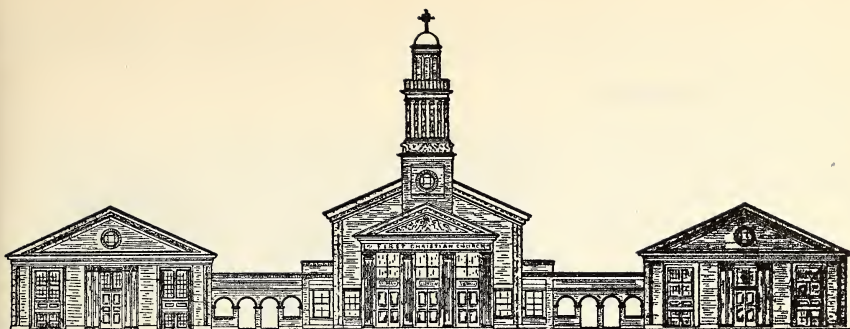
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HISTORY

"Our Fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days: Psalms 44:1"

That is history. **Our Children** will listen and repeat what we permitted God to do with us. In the past there was discouragement. In the past men of vision rose up and builded the House of God adequate for their day. It is easy for us to give thanks.

But the test of our Christian character and intelligence and courage is the way we meet today's challenge. Matching God's blessings with Man's faithfulness as doers as well as hearers of the Word.

Under God, as we work and plan we shall enter a new era in our history, which our children shall repeat to our children's children.

SUNDAY IS CHILDREN'S DAY

Program by the Children at 9:30 A.M. — The Whole Church is Invited

Offering goes to Foreign Missions.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "When Life Is Most Beautiful"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashe.

Service of Blessing for Our Children. Parents will have children at Church by 11:15 A.M.

Those desiring further information may call Mrs. Alan Bell, E-38514 or call our Church Visitor, Mrs. Irene Cline, H-65781.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thomas Hirschy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hirschy, will receive his degree this week from Transylvania University at Lexington, Ky.

James J. Rupel, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, and a member of this Church will receive his Master's degree from Indiana University. Mr. Rupel graduated from Purdue University last year.

HOME TALENT NIGHT

Over \$56 was cleared toward Sound Projector at Home Talent Program. Those having money not turned in are asked to do so as early as possible.

Into The Byways

Who can estimate the influence of 25,000 visits of Christian Bible women each year in the homes of villages in our India Mission? Every day is Children's Day to these who serve during hot days and rainy days under the direction of our missionaries.

It is in these village homes that children can be served, who might never come into contact with the program of the Mission.

Lessons on health and sanitation are given to the mothers. During epidemics the Bible women teach the causes and prevention of cholera, malaria, smallpox, etc. In new homes opportunities are given to teach mothers how to care for babies and older children.

Women and girls are taught to read in the homes, and books and leaflets left with them, along with pictures which delight the children. It is the purpose to make every Christian convert literate. The Laubach method is used for teaching adults throughout the Mission.

The gospel of Christ is taught in story, song and service. Lessons are carefully prepared under the direction of the missionary before the Bible women go out to the villages. Even the illiterate can memorize Bible verses, the Ten Commandments, and whole parables.

In addition to the almost two hundred villages reached each year in the day-by-day calling, Bible women, evangelists and missionaries take advantage of the dry season to camp in more distant areas for several days of preaching and teaching. Some times



they go into the fields, often friends are invited to the homes, so that the message of Christ is penetrating many thousands of the villages of India through the untiring efforts of these who deeply desire to witness for him.



A Training Program

Miss Ruth Reynolds, national director of children's work in the Department of Religious Education of the United Society, announces that 49 laboratory schools will be held this year.

Schools will be conducted in 29 states, representing every section of the country. Two are for Negroes exclusively. The program began in February and will continue to the middle of August.

Last year, in 4 laboratory schools, 888 student teachers were enrolled, with 2,271 pupils. At least 1,000 teachers of children may take advantage of this opportunity this year.



"See that ye despise not one of these little ones . . . it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

—MATTHEW 18:10, 14.

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GENERAL COUNCIL

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. George Bellinger, R. R. 3, for a picnic on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 P.M. Those needing transportation are asked to call Mrs. C. D. Palmer in the evening.

AMONG OUR SICK

Little Larry Geerken is ill at his home, R. R. 10, Decatur Road. Mr. Aden Current has returned to the hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. Frank Noble and Dr. I. W. Ditton and their families in the recent loss of wife and sister, Mrs. Emma Noble.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. William Broom in the death of his father. Services will be held Saturday 3 p.m. at Klaehn's funeral home.

WE CONTINUE TO GROW

We are pleased to welcome into our great Church family: Mrs. Effie Fox and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bowser.

CHI RHO CAMP

The following young people will be commissioned to represent our Church at The Chi Rho Camp at Winona Lake June 19-21st. Martha Jeannette Beck, Karen Branstrator, Janice Fuchshuber, Sylvan Young and Dale Hiler. This camp is for Youth of Intermediate age and is under our State department of Christian Education.

ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME

Dr. Warren Grofton, pastor of the Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City relates this experience in his parish paper.

"One of the most comforting words that ever came to me were spoken by a judge in a Southern city. It was a number of years ago, and I had been approached by him about taking the pastorate of their church. He was rehearsing to me the history of the church, the succession of ministers who had served them, and the problems that each minister had faced.

"Then he came to the minister who had just left them for a prominent post in the educational world. "He was by far the most popular minister we have ever had," remarked the judge. "When he resigned, I don't suppose there were more than 15 per cent of the people who were glad to see him go."

"Their most popular minister! And only 85 per cent of the members were enthusiastic about him! I was considerably younger at the time. I had felt it was the aim of the ministry to please all of the people all of the time. Because I did not please all—could not please all, I now know—it used to depress me. What was wrong, anyway?

"It was the task of the ministry in new focus. The minister is not primarily a pleaser of man. He is, or should be, primarily a pleaser of God. Jesus had once said to His disciples—"Beware when all men speak well of you."

FAREWELL PARTY

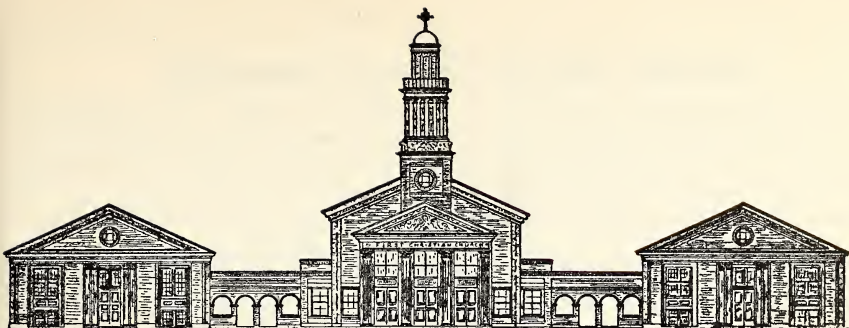
The Progressive Class will have a Farewell Party Friday evening at 7:30 at the Church honoring Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts and family, who are leaving Fort Wayne to make their future home in Phoenix, Arizona.

REBECCA CIRCLE

The Rebecca Circle will meet Wednesday evening, June 14th at the home of Mrs. Robert Koontz, 729 Woodview. Mrs. Frank Moody will be associate hostess. Mrs. Filley will speak on Comic Books. Mrs. Robert Ashe will give the devotionals.

SECRET PLACE

Secret Places for July, August, September are here. Get your copy at Church next Sunday.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, JUNE 15, 1950

Number 40

MORNING WORSHIP

EARLY TIME TO 10:10 A.M.

SERVICES WILL BE OUT 20 MINUTES EARLY.

SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY

SERMON: "SO, THIS IS LIBERTY!"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music

Ladies Chorus

Our Youth going to Camp Chi Rho will be commissioned.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Pupils will go immediately to Classes.

There will be no opening exercises.

SUNDAY VESPERS OVER WOWO

6:00 to 6:15

OUR PASTOR will bring the meditation. Be sure to tune in (1200 on Your Dial). Our Pastor will be on the Air again next Sunday.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council will meet Tuesday, June 20th at 2:15 P.M. Executive 1:30 The Dorcas Circle will have charge of devotions and the program is in charge of the Rachel Circle. The topic, "A Christian World Order." The Naomi Circle is in charge of refreshments.

June is the close of the Missionary Year and we urge all groups to bring in their money especially Crusade money, next Tuesday..

ARE YOU SUBSCRIBING TO WORLD CALL? If not, why not see Mrs. Hugh Rice about a subscription for this very fine magazine.

SILENT AUCTION

The Project Committee will sponsor a Silent Auction in September at our regular monthly meeting. You will hear about this project from time to time. Your president will be happy to drop in on your group meeting to explain this plan in detail if you so desire. Let us enter into this with enthusiasm and make it a big success.

Second World Council Assembly

The world Council of Churches has announced, through Bishop Bromley Oxnam, one of its six presidents, that the Second Assembly will be held at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in the summer of 1953.

Plans for the Evanston Assembly will be drawn up at the annual meeting of the Central Committee of the Council to be held in Toronto this July. The scope of the meeting can be judged from the Amsterdam Assembly which met for two weeks, and had 500 official church delegates along with alternates, consultants, and visitors to make a total

attendance of 2,000. The Amsterdam meeting attracted wide public interest in the United States, and was hailed by responsible church leaders as the greatest single event in Protestant history since the Reformation.

The program of the World Council of Churches includes inter-church aid, service to European refugees, united action on international issues of concern to the churches, study of religious and social questions, and the fostering of enlarged responsibilities in church life for laymen, young people, and women.



Progress In Christian Missions

Rating very high in importance in the China Mission today are the Chinese Christian workers.

It follows in the course of Christian growth that after a certain stage, the "foreign" missionary is no longer the school principal or college president, the full-time pastor of the local church, nor yet absolute executive of the work. By his preaching he has won converts, and by his educational work he has trained leaders. Naturally they take places of importance in the Mission.

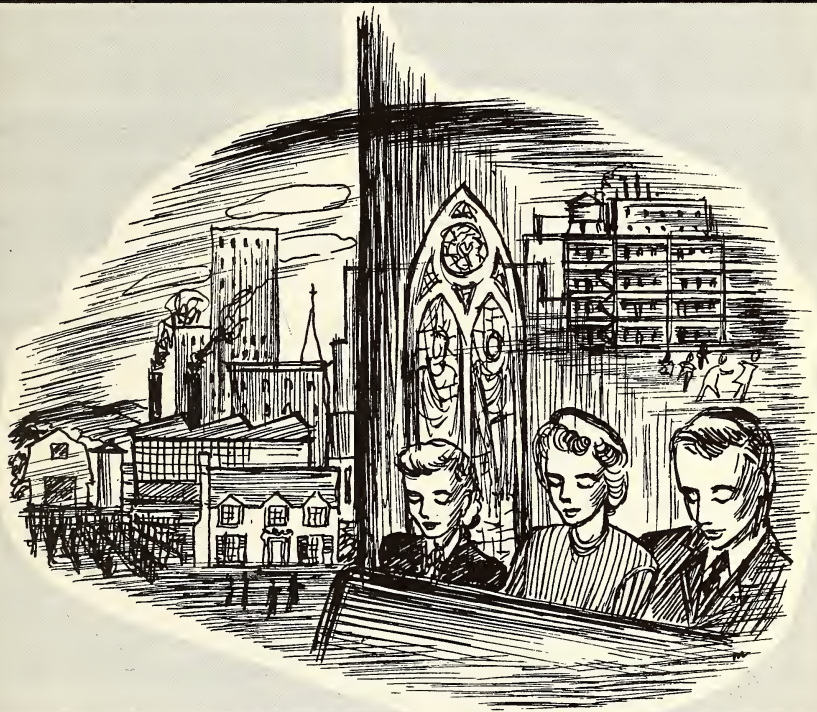
From Chuhsien, China, O. J. Goul-

ter tells of the work of Chinese workers who *must* assume more of the responsibility today as government restrictions are put upon the activities and movements of the missionaries.

Concerning two of his associates in the Christian Rural Service Union, Mr. Goulter says further, "They are keeping up with the newest People's Government fashions, too. Pastor Chu may be seen at any time, dressed in a torn shirt and well-holed pants (quite the latest style), directing a group of workmen, or meeting officials, all of whom wear the same up-to-date outfits."

Luther Shao, executive secretary of the China Mission, and O. J. Goulter, center, with two associates in Chuhsien, left and right.





O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray. Amen.

James Montgomery

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HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll will be published early in July for the second Quarter. This Roll will include names of all those who have paid their pledges in full for the first half of this year.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Clay Orchard is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, having undergone surgery. Mr. Aden Current is still a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, room 218. He is allowed visitors.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Mallie Reidt in the recent loss of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Hahn, of Cincinnati.

NOTES

Mrs. Robert Scott, our organist, will attend the graduation exercises at Purdue University June 18 at which time Miss Gayle Scott will receive her Masters Degree.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Gerald Fogle is another of our young members who merits our congratulations. He graduated from North Side High School this June.

Mr. James Haffner received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Miami University. Richard Haffner has finished one year of College and is a member of the Naval Reserve, doing maneuvers in the Pacific near Hawaii, this Summer.

PARABLE OF THE VACATIONIST

Now it came to pass, as summer drew nigh, that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said: "Lo, the hot days cometh and even now are at hand. Come, let us go unto the heights, where cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes await."

Thou speakest wisely," quoth Mrs. Church Member. "Yet, three yea four things, must we do before we go."

"Three things I can think of, but not four," responded Mr. Church Member. We must arrange for the flowers to be weeded, the chickens fed, and the mail to be forwarded, but the fourth eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first three, yet more important than all. Thou shalt dig down into thy purse and pay thy church pledge, that the good name of the church be preserved, and that it may be well with thee, for verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member paid his pledge for the summer and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "Of a truth, there are those who care for the Lord's work." And it was so.

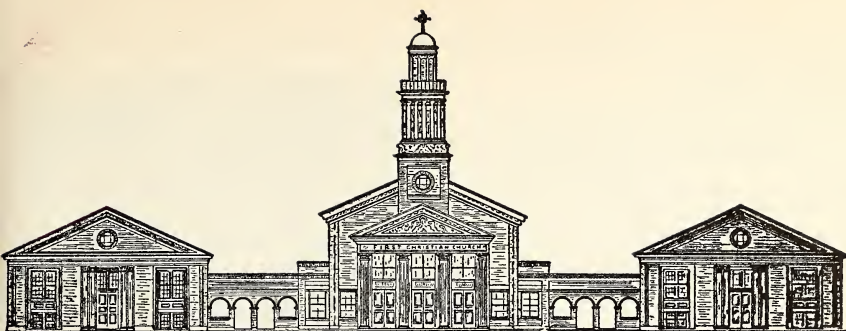
—J. Vernon Jacobs

The rural church at Rajamaki, near Helsinki, Finland, was built in 1937 with government profits from a heady Germanic beverage called "schnapps," according to a report by the Finnish Information Service.

The state monopoly allocates roughly one-third of these profits for the construction and maintenance of schools and churches. Another third is spent directly by the Government on temperance promotion and the care of alcoholics.

Long concerned over their drinking habits, the Finns tried prohibition from 1919 to 1932, and then repealed the law by referendum and established a State Alcohol Monopoly which is required to spend two-thirds of its profits for projects which tend to discourage drinking.

According to a recent survey by the "Daily Mail" (London), consumption of alcohol per inhabitant in Finland is now among the lowest in the world.



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Number 41

MORNING WORSHIP

EARLY TIME TO 10:10 A.M.

SERVICES WILL BE OUT 20 MINUTES EARLY.

In spite of rain, our congregation was quite representative last Sunday and we were out early. The Organ Prelude begins at 10:05 and the Choir enters at 10:10. Plan any trip you make on Sunday so you attend Church first.

Sermon: "The Liars."

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music: "Unto Thee, O Lord, Do I Lift Up My Soul"

Mrs. L. A. Horn

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Pupils will go immediately to their classes. Men's Class continue their coffee and doughnut period. The Progressive class with Richard Schrecongost as President and Hugh Rice as teacher, are holding up their attendance.

Support your class. Be in Sunday School Sunday.

Classes dismissed at 10:00 A.M.

THE CHOIR SUNDAY

The Choir this Sunday, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Wilson will spend the afternoon at the Lake. It will be in the form of a picnic. For further information call the office, Mr. Owen Vaught or the director of The Choir.

NOTES

Barton W. Johnson, former pastor, was recently elected President of the Kentucky Convention of the Christian Churches of that State. Mrs. Johnson has recently undergone a serious operation.

Our pastor was called to New Castle to officiate at the funeral services of Mrs. William Pickens who was president of the Woman's Council of the First Christian Church of that City.

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome into our Church, Mr. and Mrs. David T. McCrosky of 4620 Lafayette Esplanade, who came to us from the Christian Church of Paducah, Kentucky.

OUR SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

The following were in this Service. Dianne Sue Benner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Benner, 3008 Pittsburgh St., Janice Elaine Brudi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Brudi, 4504 Oliver St., David Alan Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin

HEAR YOUR PASTOR ON SUNDAY VESPERS 6 P.M. WOWO

"Teach Them"

The forces of evangelical Christianity are growing in Latin America, according to a report of Dr. G. Baez-Carmargo of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America. The comparison in a ten-year period shows:

	1938	1948
Church members:	509,347	991,782
Places of worship:	11,322	16,356

Brazil claims an increase of 117 per cent in membership in these years.

The Committee on Cooperation in Latin America is composed of 32 representatives of mission boards doing work in Latin American countries, and two associate members from the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward is representative for Disciples of Christ, as secretary of Latin American Missions in the United Society.

Literature and literacy are considered the most important aspects of the work of the Committee. Over \$25,000 a year is spent in the preparation and printing of materials, and in literacy.

Three basic needs in the program are:

- Trained personnel, both missionary and national.
- Adequate material, such as charts, primers, etc. for teaching.
- A body of literature written specifically for new literates in Spanish, and in Portuguese for use in Brazil.

A Curriculum Conference held in Cienfuegos, Cuba, April 15-May 12, under the auspices of the C. C. L. A., brought together about twenty nationals from Latin American fields. Their purpose was to prepare outlines for a complete new series of graded lesson materials in Spanish for use in church schools. From these outlines the various communions will have materials written and printed for distribution to the churches.



Pastor Oda baptizing in Nakano Christian Church, Tokyo, Japan.



On the Cover

Placing the cross atop the new Nakano Christian Church in west Tokyo, Japan. The church was built and dedicated in 1949. The pastor is Nobundo Oda, who also serves as principal of our Margaret K. Long Girls' School in Tokyo. Mr. Oda, a graduate of Texas Christian University, visited in the States last year, and attended the Centennial Convention in Cincinnati.



The Good Neighbor

That the U. S. Government recognizes the need to aid education in Latin America is shown by special projects carried on during the past eight years. Out of a total of \$59,000,000 spent in 550 projects in agriculture, health and education, \$3,500,000 was in education. At the present time there are 885 persons from Latin America in the United States learning modern agricultural methods, and 1,500 students taking special courses in education.



*Finish the
Course*

Keep the Faith



Hall, 5004 Kyle Road; Marsha Rene Koontz and Samuel Dean Koontz, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koontz, 729 Woodview; Janis Lynn Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Norton, Hazelhurst Drive; Linda Kay Ripple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Phillip Ripple, 1813 W. State St.

Our prayers go out for these Christian homes, the parents and the children.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will hold a picnic at the home of Mrs. Ray Moore, Cedarville, Indiana, on Tuesday, June 27th, at 12:30 P.M. All members are urged to come.

GENERAL COUNCIL PICNIC

JULY 18, at 6:15 P.M. at Memorial Park

This picnic is for all families of the Church.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

The attached envelope is for purpose of expressing our appreciation and to support the fine work of Associated Churches with our peerless leader Frank Ruf as executive secretary and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., as director of Week Day Religious Education. Make your offering liberal over 330 children were in our Week Day Classes this year.

"GOOD INTENTIONS"

The good intentions we have with regard to the disposition of our estate and personal effects after our death, are not carried out unless they are in a will, duly executed and witnessed in keeping with the law in the State where we claim our residence.

One of our Florida churches had this happen recently. The husband died and was buried from the church to which he had given a great deal of time, talent and money. After his death, the pastor visited the widow and she said, "I want all my things to go to the church and I want the church to have my home when I am gone." The pastor very wisely said, "Now Mrs., that is wonderful, but have you made your will?" "No, I haven't pastor, but I plan to right away."

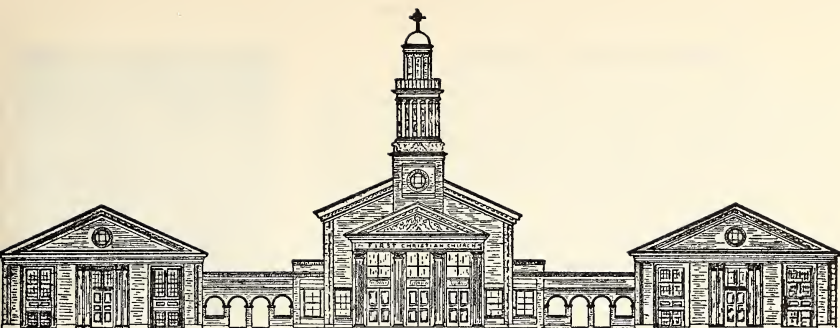
However, the good lady became incapacitated and a distant relative took over her affairs. Subsequently a will was drawn and duly signed by the good lady who loved her church. She never read the paper—signed it like she had so many other papers in order to cooperate and was assured her wishes were carried out, and told her pastor her intentions would be carried out. More than three years passed before she died. The will was probated—distant relatives; so distant that only one, her guardian had ever seen the old lady, were the heirs in the will and the church was to receive a few hundred dollars instead of an estate estimated at \$30,000.00. The church had no recourse. The will of this grand old lady and her husband with regard to their early possessions was dissipated.

The intent of this good old lady was that the earthly wealth that she and her husband had worked so hard to create, should go on doing the "Lord's Work" for them for many years after they were gone. Good intentions do not stand under the close scrutiny of a court, nor are they any protection against good intentioned heirs who have a selfish desire and will easily eliminate the church from your will.

Think it over. Are you sure your will, as it now stands, is exactly as you want it, and the provisions are made to carry out that will? Be sure your attorney understands your intentions and purposes. Make your will a "Christian Will"; remember your church, so that your money will go on doing good in the church after you are gone.

From "The Christian Mirror," St. Petersburg, Fla.

HEAR YOUR PASTOR ON WOWO SUNDAY 6-6:15 P.M.



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Number 42

MORNING WORSHIP

COME EARLY TO CHURCH — 10:10 A.M.

Our Youth reported on their experience at the Chi Rho Camp Sunday.

This Sunday is Freedom and Democracy Sunday. "Our Fathers brought upon this continent a new Nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Under God we must keep this nation so conceived and so dedicated, free and Christian.

COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

SERMON: Freedom and Brotherhood

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music: Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashe.

Solo: Mr. O. O. Vaught

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Come-Double Class is holding up during the Summer. William Robinson is the President and Don Grissom is the teacher. Bring the children to the Church School with you, that is the right way.

A Registered Nurse takes care of the babies during the Church Worship hour.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

An error occurred in last week's Tidings. There were 3300 children instead of 330 children in the Week Day Religious education program sponsored by the Associated Churches.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT your gift for this work, remember to bring it this Sunday.

INDIANA ADULT CONFERENCE — AUGUST 6-11

Held at Butler School of Religion

Registration and Room \$8.00

Meals served in College Cafeteria

Registrations should be in by July 28th

THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR ALL CHURCH LEADERS

Among the Leaders: Dr. Gaines Cook, Dr. Harry Ice, Dr. Walter Sikes, Dr. O. L. Shelton, Mrs. B. H. Bruner, Mr. Tom Hill, Miss Anna M. Clarke.

FORUMS, RECREATION, VESPERS, FELLOWSHIP, CRAFT HOUR, ASSEMBLIES
YOU ARE ELIGIBLE — — CALL THE OFFICE

A Welcome Visitor

Miss Jorgelina Lozada, pastor of Villa Mitre Christian Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina, is in the United States for this summer. She will serve on the faculty of five young people's conferences, as well as visit among the churches.

By appointment of the National Christian Council of Argentina, Miss Lozada attended the Curriculum Conference conducted by the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America in Cuba, April 15 to May 12. Here outlines were prepared for a complete new set of graded lesson materials in Spanish. En route to the States, Miss Lozada visited our mission in Puerto Rico.

Miss Lozada spent a year of study and visitation among the churches in the United States in 1944-45. She holds a unique position in our work in that she is the only woman pastor in all our mission churches.



Miss Jorgelina Lozada



In Our Time

Christians in the United States need to re-examine their heritage, find a new appreciation for its value, and give regard to the constant stream of newcomers to our land.

Mingled among the people of our nation are thousands of Displaced Persons. College students from overseas are in our schools. Immigration, although much restricted in comparison to former times, brings each year hundreds of those who see here new opportunities and privileges.

Christianity and human freedom are vitally related. The Bible supplied the background and colored the thinking of the Founding Fathers of our nation. Concern for the common welfare is an integral part of the Christian religion.

The Church also has a peculiar responsibility to those who seek to know our freedom. It cannot take for granted that new citizens will learn faith as they learn the laws of the land. The Founding Fathers, who knew the importance of implanting Christian ideals, are long since gone. On present day Christians lies the obligation for the preservation of faith in our time.

Lo, Here Is Fellowship

To stand like trees within a wood,
All reaching up to God!

Each yielding to the others' good,

Roots clasping 'neath the sod;
When stormy blasts bend low the boughs

And icy tempests grip,
Each lending other some support,
Lo, here is fellowship!

To give as do in waving field
The spears of golden grain!
When buried seeds in bounteous yield
Respond to sun and rain
Till harvest garners them for bread:

'Tis fellowship indeed
When fruiting blades unite to fill
World granaries of need!

To grow like flow'rs by wayside paths
Whose vibrant hues express

In one united symphony
Their utter selflessness,
Uplifting fragrant cups of praise
While bees their nectar sip:

The blessedness of harmony—
Lo, this is fellowship!

This song has been written for the new Christian Women's Fellowship by Miss Lois Anna Ely of the Department of Missionary Education of the United Society.

**FREEDOM
IS ROOTED
IN FAITH**



ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 2, W. C. Birkhold	Glenn R. Miller
July 9, B. W. Leversee	Floyd Morrical
July 16, Cecil Rice	Dale Parkerson
July 23, C. E. Fuchshuber	Preston H. Somers
July 30, Alan C. Bell	J. Z. Berlien

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Robert E. Working, Captain, A-66631; William H. Crouse, Dudley Planton, Ralph J. Richards, Martin C. Brudi, William E. Tracey, Dale C. Hiler, Gail J. Roe.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Wednesday evening, July 5, at 8 P.M. at the Church.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Ronald Dailey is a patient in Methodist Hospital having undergone surgery.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Maurice Ruby and his sister in the loss of their mother, Mrs. A. C. Ruby. Mrs. Ruby was at one time teacher of the Women's Bible Class and very active in the Church.

HONOR ROLL

The half year ends June 30th. Those with pledges paid for the first half of the year will be recognized in the early issues of the Tidings.

VISITORS

We have many visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Buschman from Decatur, Illinois and Mr. Gibson of Des Moines, Iowa, were out of State guests. Mr. Gibson said their Church had just completed a new building and left a gift for our new building.

NOTES

Card was received from Preston H. Somers in California. He wished to be remembered to the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., and family are leaving for Oklahoma to visit her parents. Mr. Hopkins will attend the World Sunday School Convention in Toronto, Canada, later this Summer.

We appreciate the beautiful flowers that are being brought each Sunday to the Church.

BEATITUDES

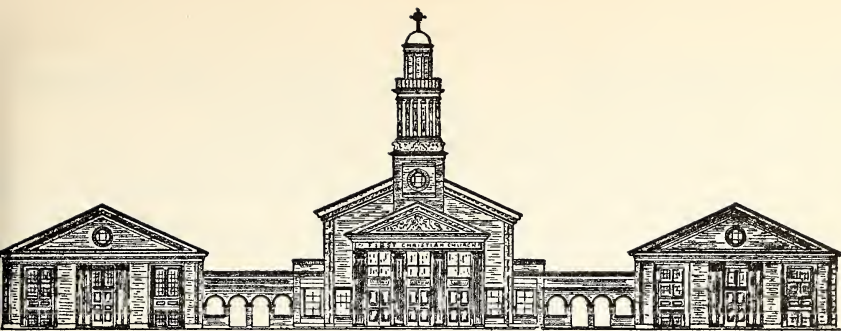
"Blessed is the man who loves the hour and a quarter in a place of worship as well as two hours and a half in a place of amusement.

"Blessed is the man who loves the church with his purse as well as with his heart.

"Blessed is the man who has grace to leave the critical spirit on the sidewalk when he comes to church.

"Blessed is the man who loves his own church enough to praise it."

—Central Christian Visitor, Pasadena, Calif.



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Number 43

MORNING WORSHIP

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ORGAN PRELUDE 10:05 A.M.

SERMON: Unconscious Influence

Preacher: Our Pastor

SPECIAL DUET: Mrs. Walter Rodgers and Mrs. William Tracey.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

At another place in the Tidings special announcements is made of picnics, etc. Keep our attendance up — Come to your Classes directly — Church is over one half hour earlier.

SPECIAL SERVICE AND RECEPTION

SUNDAY, JULY 16th

Our pastor will celebrate his 25th Birthday as an ordained Minister of the Gospel on July 16th. **THE CHURCH** is holding a special service at 7:30 P.M. to be followed by a reception in the Church Parlors.

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones of Detroit will be the guest speaker. There will be many special features. Church Committee is composed of Gail Roe, Chairman, Walter Birkhold, Robert Ashe, Alan Bell, Owen Vaught. The committee from the Woman's Council is composed of Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. C. F. Durfee.

Music will be in charge of Owen Vaught and Robert Ashe.

Decorations and Reception — Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Charles Dare and Mrs. Owen Vaught.

Attendance and Ushers Committee — Alan Ball and Walter Birkhold.

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New Missionaries

Three new missionaries for India and two for Africa were commissioned by the United Society on May 17 in Graham Chapel of Missions Building.

Miss Ruth Kinney will go to India. With special aptitude for detail work, she will carry administrative responsibility as well as work in religious education. Miss Kinney is a native of Kansas, and a graduate of Northwest Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Salmonson will also go to India. For her it is "back home," for she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Potee and was born in India. She is a graduate of Lynchburg College and of Yale University School of Nursing. Mr. Salmonson is a native of Michigan. He has prepared especially to do agricultural work.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMillan were commissioned for education work in Congo. They will go first to Belgium for the special course required by that government for all who serve in Belgian Congo. She is a native of Texas and he of Colorado. His sister, Miss Fern McMillan, is home this year for furlough after her first term of service in Congo.

Six new volunteers for missionary work were interviewed at the meeting of the Board of Trustees, May 15-17, and accepted as candidates. They will continue training according to the type of service to be rendered, before they are commissioned. These make 93 candidates in training for foreign missionary work.

Miss Ruth Kinney



Mr. and Mrs. Keith Salmonson



Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMillan



Crusade Funds Support Evangelism

Mr. John W. Frye has served for the past several years as Regional Crusade Evangelist in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. On July 1, 1950, he became national evangelist under the auspices of the Home Missions Division of the United Society.

Mr. Frye will serve in the northeastern section of the United States, and will also give particular help in evangelism and program building to churches receiving financial aid through the United Society.

This much-needed service is to be established on a three-year basis. It is made possible through funds received in *A Crusade for a Christian World*.



Ministers' Institutes

Almost 100 Disciple Negro ministers were in attendance at two institutes held in March in North Carolina.

The Division of Home Missions and the National Christian Missionary Convention cooperated in these training periods. Emphasis was placed on the Bible in preaching. The remainder of the program included evangelism, membership development, worship, missionary education, and church school administration.

Mr. C. L. Parks, who recently went to Goldsboro Christian Institute as director, was local director for the institutes.

The STRENGTH of the CHURCH



The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord ;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word :
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride ;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class is holding its Annual picnic at Memorial Park, Sunday, July 9 following the Morning Worship Service. Members are requested to bring table service. Drinks will be furnished.

REBECCA CIRCLE

The Rebecca Circle will have a Picnic at Franke Park, July 9th, right after Church near the Baseball Diamond.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Ronald Dailey is improving after having undergone surgery at the Methodist Hospital last week.

NOTES

O card was received from Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley on their tour of California. Dr. Worley is attending the Convention of the American Medical Association in San Francisco, on their trip.

The Honor Roll of those whose pledges are paid for the first half of 1950, will be listed in an early issue of The Tidings.

Offering to Associated Churches has totalled something over \$20. The opportunity to give this fine work will remain open over next Sunday. If you have not done so, bring your offering next Sunday and place in collection plate.

The General Council will be held at Memorial Park on July 18. At this time an offering will be taken for the purchase of drapes, bedspreads, etc to refurnish two rooms in the girls dormitory at Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins, Texas.

Please keep in mind the "Silent Auction" to be held in September. This is a project of the General Council.

Christmas Card samples are about ready. See Mrs. Gail Roe, Card Chairman for the General Council.

Word was received from Mrs. Rowena Combs. She is active in the Church life of the Christian Church at Hazel Green, Ky. She wishes to be remembered to all in First Christian, Fort Wayne.

Friendly Class Picnic—home of Mrs. Clover Branstrator Friday, July 14th. Meet at Church 6:00 P.M., transportation provided.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Bible reading program sponsored by the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women, under direction of Mrs. H. W. Sigris's Committee, is meeting success in our Church. More copies of this booklet will be available this next Sunday. This is the idea. You buy two copies for three cents and influence another person to read The Sermon On The Mount before September 15. See Mrs. Don Eyer for your copies.

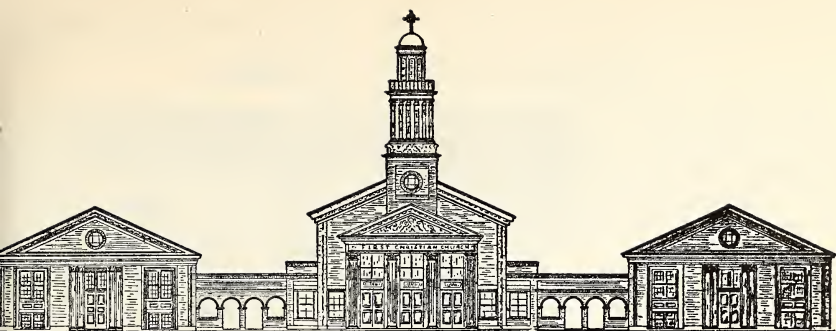
BAND PRACTICE — WEDNESDAY JULY 12th

Members of the band are asked to meet at the church Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. O. E. Ogden will be there to direct the band which is to play at the Ice Cream Festival — At Lakeside Park on Friday evening. This Ice Cream Festival is being given by the Rebecca Circle.

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS FESTIVAL AND HEAR OUR BAND.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

Our own Alexander Campbell was nominated by a unanimous vote for U. S. Senator at the Democratic Convention. He receives the congratulations and good wishes of this congregation. Mr. Campbell is a trustee of our church.



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Number 44

MORNING WORSHIP 10:10 A.M.

SERMON: "TWENTY-FIVE YEARS in THE MINISTRY"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Soloist: Mrs. Helen Seegar

Anthem by The Choir

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Jefferson At Fairfield
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1950

The Officers of The First Christian Church

request the honor of your presence

at a Service celebrating the 25th Anniversary

of the Ordination of their Minister

Reverend Robert Talmage Beck

Sunday, July 16th at seven o'clock

at the First Christian Church in the City of Fort Wayne

and afterwards at a Reception in the Church Parlors

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, Guest Preacher

R.S.V.P.

Fishers of Men in India

"What must I do to become a Christian?" is the age-old question of men and women. Here it is an uncouth villager of India who comes to evangelist Nathaniel Peters with the query. Mr. Peters is one of three of our India evangelists who studied in the United States last year.

In simple language the question is answered, with readings from the Scripture, verses repeated from memory, stories to show the love of God for his children.

Then calling to him a man who has been a Christian for three years, the evangelist calls attention to the fact that this man is cleaner, healthier, neater, better educated. These are the marks of the Christian the world over. Three years ago this man was as the villager.

If this villager accepts Christ and his way of life, then his five sons will also become Christians. With these families as a nucleus, a new church can be established in their village. Thus the Kingdom grows.

In the Takhatpur area of our India Mission are 19 little churches located in villages over an area of 200 square miles. Fifteen members were added at Easter time.

One of our early missionaries wrote more than thirty years ago, "I have more than a thousand villages in my parish. Some I get to twice a week, some once a month, others once a year, and many I have not yet seen." It can be added now that many thousands of India's villages have not yet been visited by Christian missionaries.



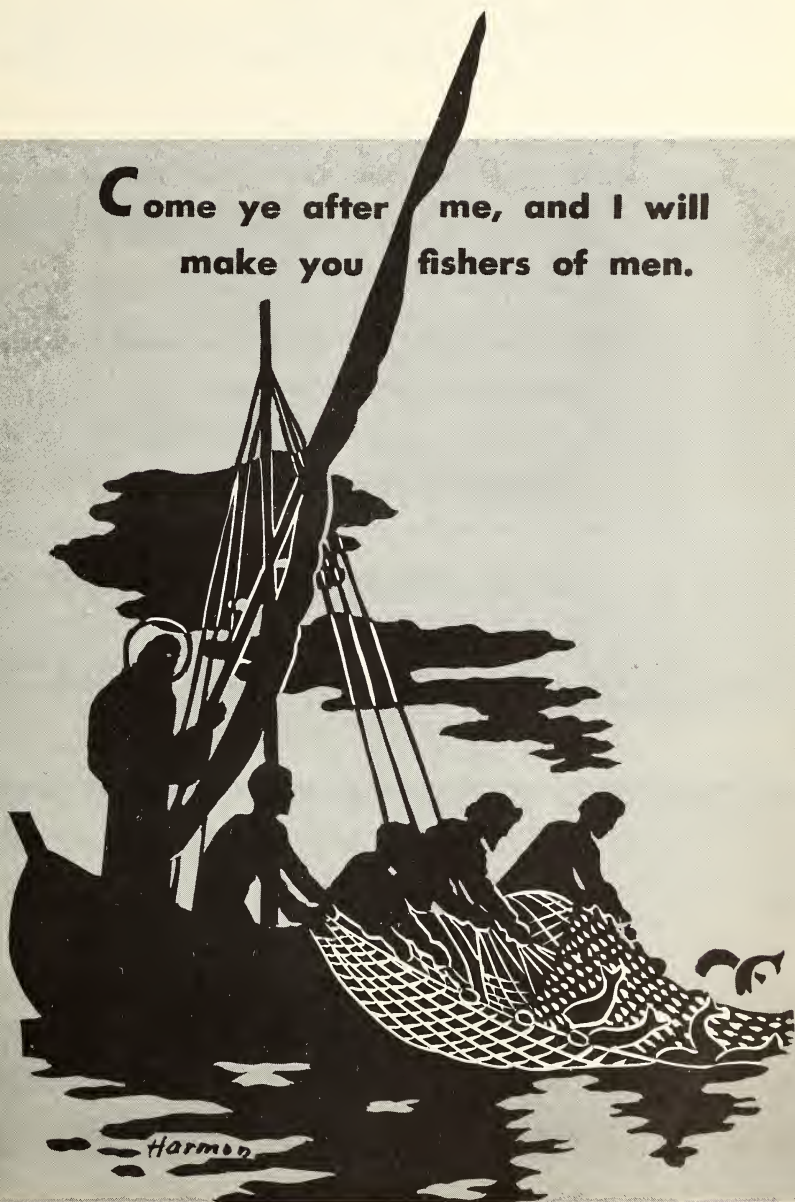
Churches Cooperate

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. will come into being at the constituting convention to be held in Cleveland, November 28 - December 1.

The formation of the Council does not mean a union of churches. Rather it represents an effort of 25 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions, with 27,698,996 members, toward more effective cooperation.

Nine years of planning have gone into the Council. It will combine the services formerly carried on by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; Home Missions Council of North America; International Council of Religious Education; Missionary Education Movement; National Protestant Council on Higher Education; United Council of Church Women; and United Stewardship Council. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America may become the eighth agency to join.

Come ye after me, and I will
make you fishers of men.



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Launches Building Program

With the sale of West Jefferson and Fairfield property giving assets of over \$150,000 the New Building Program is under way.

Plans will be drawn as rapidly as possible and actual building will be started as soon as details can be worked out.

Modern Church plant with beautiful sanctuary, educational and social, recreational features will be expressed in latest and approved design.

Report of Trustees was made at last regular Board meeting and was unanimously approved. Trustees are Walter C. Birkhold, Chairman, Herman W. Sigrist, Alexander M. Campbell, Albert Egly and Clay Orchard. Congratulations and good wishes have been expressed by many business and civic leaders of our city.

Official Board will meet with the architect this Friday evening. Cecil Rice is the chairman of the Official Board.

25th ANNIVERSARY PLANS COMPLETED

Plans are being completed for the Special Service and Reception for our Pastor on Sunday evening. Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones of Detroit will be the guest preacher. Albert Egly will preside. Greetings will be given by Dr. Paul H. Krauss, Mr. Carl J. Suedhoff and Mr. William S. Mossman.

A Duet will be given by Miss Shirley Johnson and Mr. Owen Vaught. Mr. John W. Broom will present a flute solo and the Choir will offer a special Anthem directed by Mrs. E. C. Schiller. Miss Mardelle Fisher will preside at the Organ.

Reception Personnel Consists of

Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mrs. J. C. Koegel.
At the Table: Mrs. Dale C. Hiler, Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. George R. Bruckman.

Hostesses: Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, Miss Sharon Pennington, Mrs. Charles Pennington, Mrs. Delmas Young, Mrs. Howard Wise, Mrs. William Robinson, Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber, Mrs. Meldren S. Kreps, Mrs. Gail Roe.

General Committee from the Official Board are Gail Roe, Chairman, Walter C. Birkhold, Robert W. Ashe, Alan C. Bell, Owen Vaught, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. Owen Vaught and Mrs. C. F. Durfee.

GENERAL COUNCIL PICNIC

July 18 — 6:30 P.M.

The General Council is holding its annual picnic on Tuesday, July 18, at 6:30 at Memorial Park Pavilion. All members of the Church are invited to attend this picnic. Worship period — Rev. Beck; Games and Stunts — Rebecca Circle; Hospitality — Circle Chairmen; Drinks — Esther Circle. Folks, bring your picnic baskets, your table service and join us in an hour of fun. The whole family is cordially invited.

SILENT AUCTION, SEPTEMBER 22nd — 7:30 P.M.

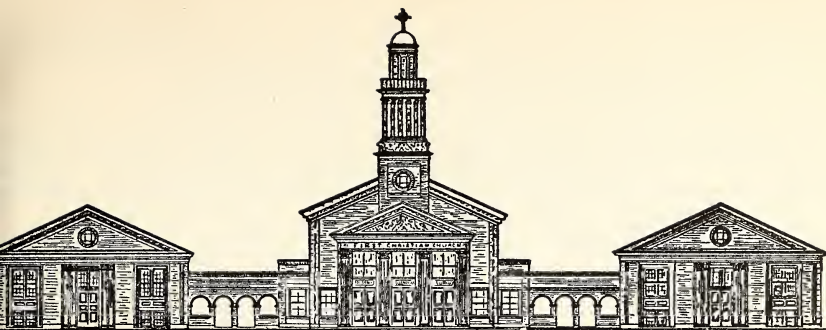
NOTES

A card was received from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts in Phoenix, Arizona. They had attended the Christian Church in that city.

Allen Garee, our faithful member, has built, complete in every detail, a miniature circus. Big top, Side show and all, with troop and crews, caught at a moment in the performances. He has been working on this for over two years. It will be exhibited across the country in the interest of the Cancer Fund. Mr. Garee has been with the Circus since he was 13 years old in the field of Aerial acrobatics. His mother, a faithful member of this Church died of a cancer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varner are happy parents of a daughter, Karen Ann, who was born June 29th.

Miss Anita Fitch is in the Lutheran Hospital.



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Number 45

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

SERMON: "Sinning Into Salvation"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music: "The Lord's Prayer," Malott

Miss Shirley Johnson

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes will be opened with no general opening service. Make this Summer a faithful one for the Church School.

OUR CHURCH MARCHES ON!

The architect met with the Official Board with preliminary sketches for our new Church. There was general agreement and approval. Many comments and suggestions were made. Plans have gone back to architect. On August 10 there will be a meeting of Church Congregation. Slides will be prepared in color and will be shown on screen and the architect will talk on Church Architecture and our plans.

Trustees are busy getting everything cleared on our grounds. As fast as the plans can be completed the program will go on.

The whole congregation is asked to pray as we move on to the greatest chapter of our Church history in Fort Wayne.

ANNIVERSARY AND RECEPTION

Our pastor wishes to express for himself and his family their deep appreciation for the honor and courtesy which was extended to them on the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the Christian Ministry. Guests were here from Greencastle, New Castle, Washington, Wabash, Indianapolis, Winchester, Detroit and other communities.

The program was carefully planned and beautifully carried out. The floral offerings were exquisite for Mrs. Beck, Martha Jeannette and a banner of over 1,000 roses with the words "25 Years Service" was magnificent.

The pastor and Church are very appreciative, especially was our minister deeply moved by the gifts of silver that came from the whole congregation as well as a host of greetings that came personally to him.

The Anniversary Service Sunday morning was marked by three additions which makes 76 additions to our Church since January 1st.

Crusade Funds in Home Missions

Funds given by the churches in A *Crusade for a Christian World* have provided a carry-all for Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington. Delivery was made on May 15 by James Sugioka, national director of construction and repair for The United Christian Missionary Society.

As the new carry-all replaces the ten-year-old station wagon, it assumes a place of importance in the program of the Mission. It is the only vehicle owned or used by the Mission. Being located two and a half miles from the village of White Swan and thirty miles from Yakima, the railway point, frequent trips are necessary to keep the home running smoothly, and supplies on hand for the children who call this home while they attend the public school in White Swan.

The Mission also serves many homes not represented in the dormitory enrollment. Every Sunday morning two trips are made over twenty-five miles of the rough and dusty roads of Medicine Valley to bring Indian children

and adults to the Mission for Bible school and worship services. Often eighteen or twenty children are picked up on one trip.

Since many of the Indians migrate during the summer months for fishing in the Columbia River and berry-picking in the mountains, the Mission uses this opportunity to carry its services to those groups. With the aid of such transportation, the superintendent, Malcolm Norment, and his staff can keep in close touch with their Indian friends.



O Lord,
I would be great—
But not in some spectacular way
For world acclaim.
Beyond my talents
Lie outstanding deeds, perhaps;
But, Lord, I would be great
In faithfulness to each small task
Thou givest me,
To do the best I can
With what I have
For Thy name's sake.
—Hattie B. McCracken.

*James Sugioka hands keys to new carry-all to Malcolm Norment
at Yakima Indian Christian Mission.*





**O Thou, whose own vast temple stands
Built over earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
Have raised to worship Thee.**

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

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TOYS FOR THE NURSERY

We are in need of new or good used toys for our Nursery. Your contributions or gifts will be greatly appreciated. Bring the toys to the Church and either take them to the Children's House or leave them in the Church office and they will be taken care of. Thank you.

HONOR

Herman W. Sigrist spoke in Roanoke, Va., before the National Association of Auctioneers. He was elected a member of their National Board at this convention.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Ralph Richard and his family in the recent loss of his father, Mr. Elmer Richard.

Also, our sympathy goes to Mrs. George Bauer in the recent loss of her sister, Mrs. Henker.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Preston H. Somers, in the recent loss of his brother.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Dee Ellen, born Sunday morning, July 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

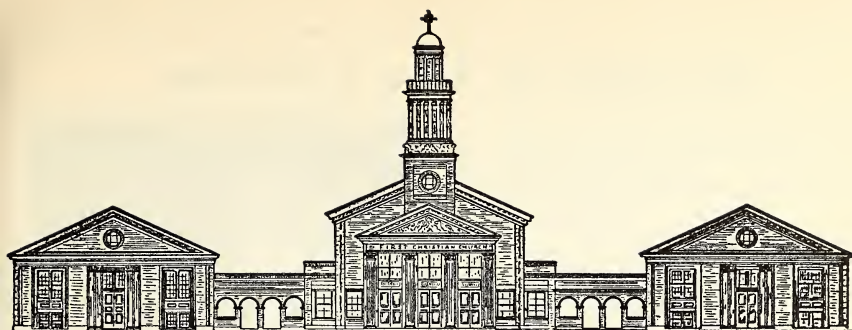
AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Robert Working is a surgical patient in St. Joseph's Hospital. Miss Anita Fitch is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Mr. Ronald Dailey is a patient at the Methodist Hospital. Mr. Floyd Boschet is a surgical patient at the Methodist Hospital.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll consists of the names of those who have paid up their pledges for the first six months of this year:

Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mrs. George Bellinger, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Robert Anderson, Bernard Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ashe, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mrs. Alma Beck, Martha Jeannette Beck, Mrs. Jeannette Barbier, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Karen Branstrator, William Branstrator, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. George Bruckman, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brudi, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Hazel Bundy, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mrs. Edna B. Clark, Miss Eunice Clark, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cole, Mrs. Courtney Combs, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Culberston, Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, Mrs. Ella Diss, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Harold Donelson, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahl, Miss Mardelle Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Dwight Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Lloyd Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Frame, Mr. & Mrs. Donald D. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Janice Fuchshuber, Bonnie Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Effie Fox, Mrs. Martha Gaunt, David A. Griggs, James Haffner, Richard Haffner, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haffner, Mrs. Irene Hamman, Stevens Hand, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. James Hirschy, Sally Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Miss Kathryn Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Howell, Mrs. Edward Huff, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Rev. Richard and Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Mr. Clinton Keith, Mrs. Ella King, Norman King, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, Mrs. Dora Knife, Mrs. Cora Kover, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mr. Charles Krick, (Continued next week).



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Number 46

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

SERMON: "Taking Heed To One's Self"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC: "O Lord Most Holy" Franck

Mrs. L. A. Horn

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Church School is holding up. Come to Sunday School this Sunday
THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE TIDINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

August 16th, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M. Mr. Hugo C. Haeuser, the architect, will bring plans in color to present **before our congregation.**

EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION
present to see the color slides and hear Mr. Haeuser.

Mrs. Robert T. Beck, wife of our pastor, and Martha Jeanette are visiting Mrs. Beck's father, Mr. Charles Bromley, at New Haven, Connecticut.

RUTH CIRCLE — FRIED CHICKEN LUNCHEON

The Ruth Circle of the General Council will serve a Fried Chicken luncheon on Tuesday, August 1, at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Willis Van Alstine, Upper Huntington Rd. For reservations please call Mrs. Leo Miller, H-76119 or Mrs. W. H. Imbody, H-40482 **not later than July 30.** Tickets 85c.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Pamela Kay born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Gordon Stafford, 2130 Alabama, on Friday, July 14.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brudi, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Goebel, Mrs. Dale Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. J. F. Lahmeyer, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarel, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKinney, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Martin, Mr. and Mrs.

Retirement for Anna B. Cowdrey

Miss Anna Bell Cowdrey, missionary to India, retired from active service as of July 1. She reached America shortly afterward, concluding 38 years of service.

It was 1912 when Miss Cowdrey went to India. For 21 years she worked in the Kulpahar station, doing women's evangelistic work, visiting in the homes, and teaching. For 19 years she had charge of the women's industrial home there, the dispensary in connection with it, and the needlework department.

Upon return after furlough in 1935, Miss Cowdrey went to Mungeli to take charge of the vocational boarding school for girls and the two co-educational primary schools. Her last term of service has been spent in Bilaspur where she had charge of religious activities in connection with Jackman Memorial Hospital.

Shown wearing the Indian sari are Miss Cowdrey and Dr. Hope Nicholson, above, Miss Ruth Mitchell, in Panjabi costume, and Miss Ruth Harnar, in Muslin dress. These co-workers at the hospital will greatly miss her Christian ministry to the patients.

Miss Cowdrey is one of many missionaries to go out from Iowa. She is a graduate of Culver-Stockton College and studied at Drake and the College of Missions.



On The Air

Fifteen minutes on the radio every two weeks is not a long time for broadcasting. But it does give opportunity to John Newman, pastor of Mamou Christian Church, to preach in French from the station in Lake Charles, Louisiana. His church, with less than 100 members, has been paying the nominal charge as a part of its program of evangelism.

Now that the radio station has offered to increase his time to thirty minutes, the Department of Church Development and Evangelism of the United Society will make a small monthly investment of home mission funds to take care of the additional cost.

There are yet hundreds of older men and women in the area who cling to their French language. The radio is a great influence in their lives.

THE SCRIPTURE used on the cover is from the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Some of the best Bible students of our day collaborated in this version, published in 1946, after comparison with the most ancient authorities. It is expected the new revision of the Old Testament, prepared in the same way, will come from the press in 1952.





A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW. ~ AND AS HE SOWED, SOME SEEDS FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND DEVOURED THEM. ~ OTHER SEEDS FELL ON ROCKY GROUND, WHERE THEY HAD NOT MUCH SOIL, AND IMMEDIATELY THEY SPRANG UP, SINCE THEY HAD NO DEPTH OF SOIL, BUT WHEN THE SUN ROSE THEY WERE SCORCHED; AND SINCE THEY HAD NO ROOT THEY WITHERED AWAY. ~ OTHER SEEDS FELL AMONG THORNS, AND THE THORNS GREW UP AND CHOKED THEM. ~ OTHER SEEDS FELL ON GOOD SOIL AND BROUGHT FORTH GRAIN, SOME A HUNDRED-FOLD, SOME SIXTY, SOME THIRTY. HE WHO HAS EARS, LET HIM HEAR.

MATTHEW 13:3-9 ~ ~

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A PSALM OF DESPAIR

Alcohol is my shepherd, I shall always be in want.
It maketh me to lie down in the gutter,
It leadeth me beside the distilled liquid,
It destroyeth my soul: it leadeth me in the paths of destruction
For the sake of the brewers.
Yea, tho I stagger through the valley of the shadow of death.
I shall fear no evil
For thou has benumbed my senses so I cannot realize my danger:
Thy rod and thy staff continually drive me on.
Thou preparest at every bar a table that hast become mine enemy.
Thou anointest my head with inebriation, My cup foameth over.
Surely lewedness and corruption shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of misery as long as I last.

—Clipped

YOUTH SEEKS CHALLENGE

By Chares A. Wells

Radicalism appeals to youth not because young people are bad, rebellious or discontent. It is because youth instinctively feel the truth that Jesus taught,—that he who would really live, find abundant life, must "lose" himself. Most people are only about half alive because they do all their living for themselves.

The writer interviewed a leading Communist propaganda official in Moscow some years ago and was surprised to hear him remark that all Red propaganda "is aimed at the youth." We asked, "Don't you try to recruit the middle aged?" He replied, "No, the revolution is a youth movement. Outside official ranks, few members of the party are over forty." We since found this to be true—that the Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Dalmas Young, Sylvan Young.

The Christian force of democracy once was a movement that challenged young people to go out and change the world. Today we have lost much of that and need to remember that Jesus called men to "leave all and follow me."

Must we let the voices of violence and destruction do all the challenging?



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER 7, 1950

Number 47

MORNING WORSHIP 13:30 A.M.

SERMON — "BECAUSE HE CAN!"

PREACHER — Our Pastor

Our Choir will be in their place and an improved service is planned.

Our congregations held up wonderfully this Summer. Be in your place this Sunday as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Start the Fall by being in your Class this Sunday. Rally Day will be Sept. 24.

MEN'S FORUM

Dr. and Mrs. Worley have offered the hospitality of their home for the first meeting of our Men this Fall, **2551 Terrace Road**. A buffet supper will be served. **Rev. Edwin L. Jaycox**, Chaplain in U. S. Army served in Japan and was in Hiroshima Area for six months after the atomic bomb explosion. He will speak of his experiences. He is the Methodist pastor in Monroeville. Group singing will be led by Rolland Ripple. Gail Roe, President, will conduct a brief business session. Telephone reservations, please.

OUR NEW CHURCH

At the top of the page is the drawing of the new Church which we are to build. This will now caption our Tidings. From time to time explanatory details will be given so every member may have full information. No one person could own such a beautiful building, but as a member of a congregation you will. **It is a time for prayer and praise.** 1117 Disciples of Christ, like the men of God, our Bible records, can rise up and build a beautiful House of God.

14 WEEKS DEVOTION

Again this year the membership is called to 14 Weeks Devotion. Our congregation is divided into groups of ten with two co-leaders. It is a period of loyalty and prayer. We shall plan a quiet time each day and make a real effort to be in the presence of God with His people each Sunday about our Lord's Table. Special sermons and events will mark these fourteen Sundays.

News From The Wuhu Church

A year has passed since the "liberation" of Wuhu by the People's Army of China (communists). Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reynolds and their three children are our only missionaries at the station now, although other missions work there and they are not the only foreigners in town. Mrs. Reynolds reports on the work of the church.

Women's Work

"Five afternoons each week women of the church, and prospective members, meet to sew and to study the Bible. It is certain that the sewing group will not only help the women to better serve their families and the needy ones of the community, but also they will be more faithful Christians and Bible students."

The women's work is under a Bible woman, Miss Ts'ai, and Yu Shih-mu, a former high school teacher. There are three regular classes for women each week—Sunday morning, Wednesday afternoon preaching and prayer service, and Friday afternoon Bible study. Inquirers preparing for church membership, and new contacts, are reached through a Sunday afternoon preaching service at the church, and

in outside meetings on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. A literacy class meets four periods a week.

Once each month all the Women's Fellowships have a thanksgiving and testimony meeting at the church.

Morning Watch

Each morning at seven a watch service is held in the church, attended by those who live in the church compound and other members and friends. Among these are eight old ladies who have small feet due to binding in childhood. Most of them walk more than a mile to the church, but they are radiant in their loyalty.

A Building Problem

For years Wuhu Christians have prayed and planned for a new church, but interruptions have come. The war not only halted their plans but brought further deterioration due to lack of repairs.

Funds from *A Crusade for a Christian World* were to have helped, but once again temporary adjustments have been necessary.

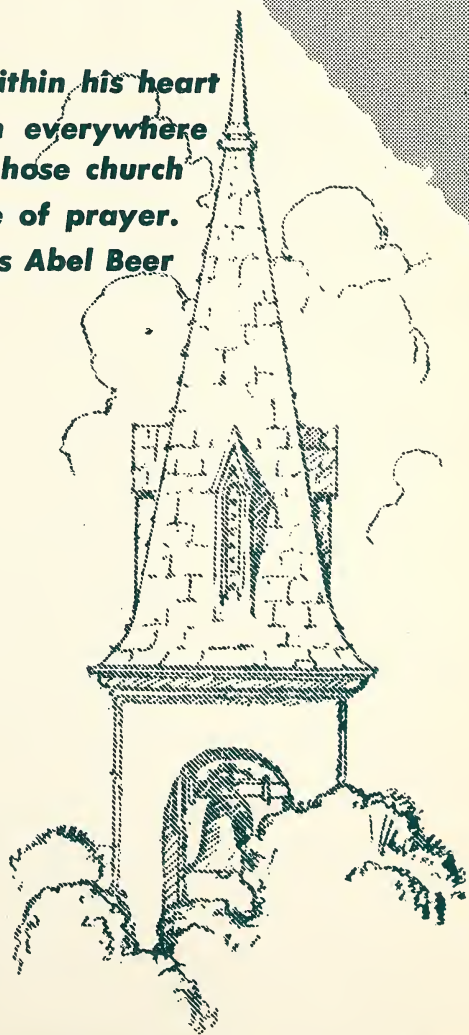
Mrs. Reynolds concludes, "Whatever our limitations, we still are persuaded our presence gives moral strength to our Chinese Christian leaders, and that is probably the most important job we have today."

The Friendship Circle marks the close of the young people's conference—a program of study, worship and recreation. It also opens the way for participation in the activity of the local church for more than 10,000 of our youth this year.



**Who builds a church within his heart
And takes it with him everywhere
Is holier far than he whose church
Is but a one-day house of prayer.**

—Morris Abel Beer



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OUR PLANS GO AHEAD

Fred W. Shearer of The H. P. MeMand Company, and well known to many of our members, will be here to assist the congregation in furthering their building program, looking especially toward the financing of this great program.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Births reported at the office are: Karen Ann Varner born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Varner; Dee Ellen Bell born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell; Pamela Kay born to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stafford; Steven Lee born to Mr. and Mrs. Normant Bobay and James Craig Orchard born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Orchard. We extend warmest welcome to these young folk. Congratulations to the parents.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Paul Whitton, 608 E. Creighton Ave., Thursday afternoon, September 14 at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. E. T. Fusselman is assistant hostess.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Rebecca Circle members are soliciting for privilege of making YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. If you are interested in having members of this group make gifts for you for Christmas please call Mrs. Gail Roe, E-1675. They will make, especially, doll clothes or clothing for small boys and girls. Please your order **Now** and have your gifts ready for you at the Bazaar, November 10.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS EARLY. CALL MRS. GAIL ROE

ELDERS FO SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3—Alan C. Bell, W. C. Birkhold
September 10—J. Z. Berlien, Preston H. Somers
September 17—Dr. A. C. Worley, Dale Parkerson
September 24—B. W. Leversee, F. Wayne Rousseau

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Henry M. Flowers, Captain, H-40022; Arza Smith, J. Hugh Tracey, Carter D. Palmer, Meldren S. Kreps, Dr. R. W. Goebel, James R. Shockney, Don J. Eyer.

PUBLIC LECTURE

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FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. George C. Robinson, 2619 Kensington Blvd. on Friday evening, September 8.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS — ANNUAL PICNIC

The Progressive Class will hold their Annual Home-Coming at Memorial Park Pavilion next Sunday following the Morning Worship Service, September 10. Bring your filled basket and table service.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Carter D. Palmer in the recent loss of Mr. Palmer's mother, Mrs. Nellie Darter. Mrs. Darter was well known among our people. To Mrs. George Krall we wish to express our deep sorrow, in the recent loss of her husband.

We express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rose Wood in the recent loss of her husband. Mrs. Wood is a member of long standing. May God bless these people in the dark days ahead.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "Bitter Poison"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

Excellent congregation last Sunday — Good singing

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Rally Day, September 24th. Teachers and Officers are to contact every member of Sunday School. A number of kodak shots were made of a number of our Classes last Sunday.

YOUTH GROUP — 6:30 P.M.

Divid Griggs will meet with the Youth Group this Sunday. Worship — Discussion — Social period.

OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW

This is the time to remind your friends of the opportunity for becoming a Christian.

DATES AHEAD

Rally Day, September 24th. World Communion Sunday, October 1st. During October an hour of our Church's service will be broadcast over W.G.L.

14 WEEKS DEVOTION

Beginning October 1st

Great program — Read your Tidings and your Church mail for full details for living your Christian life as you always wanted to live it, and as you should live it. Our Church Visitor, Mrs. Irene Cline will assist in this great program.

FINISH IT IN '50!

Many churches have found it necessary to go back a second time to raise the money for expansion programs planned for their communities. Our church is no exception. With a carefully conceived program, brought to maturity through several years of study, First Christian is on the threshold of a move of great significance.

It is axiomatic that a church does not stand still. It either moves forward or recedes. This is because a growing church of Christian service always continues to provide the means and facilities for progressive growth. Thus, new members, young and old, are attracted to it, furnishing the lifeblood of its future. To do otherwise would be to ignore a definite Christian responsibility.

Our church faces now a unique opportunity. With a fine property ready

The Eyes of the Soul

*O, what a happy soul am I!
Although I cannot see
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.*

Thus wrote Fanny J. Crosby at the age of eight. She had been blind from infancy, but the understanding guidance of her mother and grandmother had led to a deep appreciation of such things as the colors of a rainbow, the beauty of the flowers, the poetry and literature of the ages.

It was her grandmother who opened the Bible to her. While she wrote poems concerning every experience, it was hymn-writing that was to be her life work. At her death in 1915 at the age of 95, her publishers had accepted and paid for 5,900 hymns and 2,700 had been sold to others.

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," composed in 1868, was the first to win

world-wide attention. The familiar "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" was written in 1874. Others which have been sung around the world are "Blessed Assurance," "Safe In the Arms of Jesus," and "Rescue the Perishing." The latter was composed after her experiences in rescue missions in New York City.

When she was fifteen, Miss Crosby was entered at the Institution for the Blind in New York City. She remained as pupil and instructor until her marriage in 1858 to Alexander Van Alstyne, also blind and a talented student.

Five outstanding characteristics describe Fanny J. Crosby and her contribution in Christian hymns: diligent industry, wonderful memory, unselfishness, joyousness, and unfailing sympathy.



Paraguay Mission Expands

The Paraguay Mission announces the opening of a new work in Asuncion. In a section of the city some distance from the present church, a small house has been purchased. The addition of a hall will give space for Sunday school and worship services.

Miss Agnes Fishbach has been relieved of her responsibilities at the school and will live in the new mission house. One family, already members of the church, is living in the community.

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spencer, visitors from First Christian Church, Alhambra, California, with Miss Agnes Fishbach and Raymond Mills in front of new church center, Asuncion.





HERE, on these hills, no sense of loneliness
Touches my soul. When the long days are fine,
And I can see for miles . . .
I am content. Peace on my soul descends.
My troubles fall, so close to me seems God.

— P. L. Montgomery

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and paid for in excellent location, and substantial assets in hand for the new building so long needed, the careful study and intelligent planning of the committee will soon bear fruit.

We, in our turn, even as other churches in Fort Wayne have done, shall complete our Building Fund. The last week in September and the first week in October have been set aside for an intensive campaign. It is unthinkable that our church shall recede. Through generous giving by all, we are going to finish the job in '50!

WILL YOU HELP?

World peace depends upon winning the present generation to the Christian way of life. Yet we frantically plan emergency safeguards while neglecting to prepare ourselves spiritually. First Christian Church, however, is to be ready for useful Christian service, if we are ALL willing to do our share.

In order to succeed in the united effort to strengthen our church financially, that it may be properly and adequately erected, the energy and time of many will be required. It is not a job for the usual few. When you are personally invited to help in the work of the campaign, remember that upon YOUR response depends the result.

In gratitude to God for his many blessings, and in faith, let us all unite in the current program . . . to give not only of our resources, but of our time and service when asked. Let us gladly dedicate ourselves to God and the completion of His temple, not only as a religious obligation, but as real privilege!

GENERAL COUNCIL

SILENT AUCTION

A Silent Auction will be the main attraction at the General Council meeting for September. The meeting is **FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 22** at 8 P.M. The devotions will be given by the Guild and the Dorcas Circle is in charge of refreshments. The program committee has secured a Film which will be shown. The Council members are urged to be 100 percent in attendance and invite as many guests as you wish. Members are requested to bring an article suitable for auction.

THE WOMAN'S COUNCIL LOOKING AHEAD!

The Annual Harvest Ingathering for the Emily E. Flinn Home will be held at the Home in Marion, Indiana, October 17. Transportation is in charge of the Rachel Circle. Refreshments, Officers and Circle Chairmen.

Annual Bazaar and Supper will be November 10th. Now is the time to begin to make plans for this occasion. Let us have decorated booths this year. Each group to carry out their own ideas.

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS EARLY FROM THE WOMAN'S COUNCIL. SEE MRS. GAIL ROE.

NOTES

Offerings during July and August best in our records. Bring your offerings to date, Third quarter closes with this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson have acquired the Nifty Cleaners at 537 Esat Pontiac Street and will operate this business.

Mr. James Shockney has disposed of his interest in the State Street Hardware Store, and now operates the Pontiac Paint and Color Company, 124 E. Pontiac St.

OUTSIDE BULLETIN GIFT

D. O. McComb and Sons have presented to our Church new outside bulletines. These consist of 12 bulletins and a frame in which to insert them. These bulletins are artistic with effective messages in large letters. Our congregation is asked to take special notice. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of this gift.

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**SUNDAY IS RALLY DAY
AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH**

Come to Church and Church School this Sunday.
Many find help — Many find opportunities to serve God
All can here find friends and blessed fellowship
All can worship and study together
A Class for Everyone in our Church School

Make this a Rallying time for your good intention and a
Great Rally Day for your Church

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "Your Church and Your Life"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Quartette This Sunday

A registered nurse cares for our babies in the Children's House.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

This is the last Sunday of the quarter. Plans will be announced for promotion Sunday.

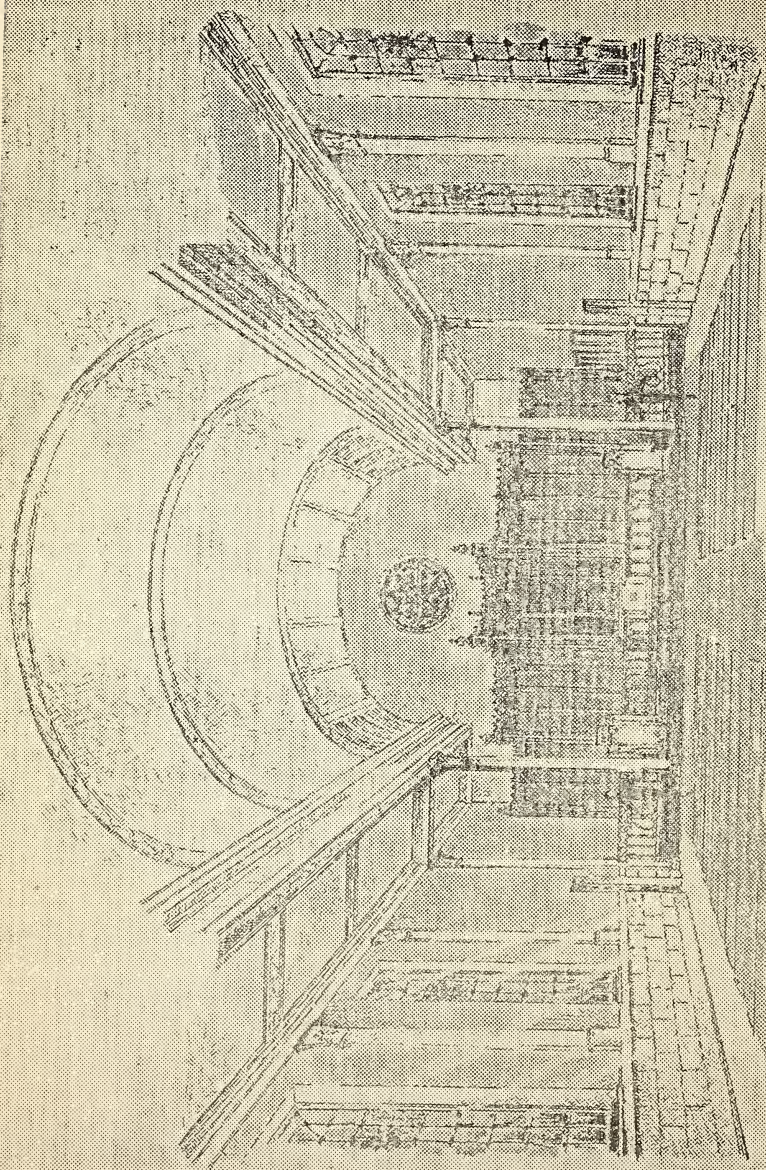
14 WEEKS DEVOTION

Our homes are being visited this week to tell you the story personally. It is not always easy to find folk at home. All of us appreciate the excellent response to this program for spiritual development.

SECRET PLACE

The Secret Place—Devotional book for the quarter beginning October will be available next Sunday. Pick up your copy at the back of the Sanctuary.

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"FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH."

PORT WAYNE, IND.

H. C. HAEUSER, ARCHT. "MILWAUKEE, WIS."

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A RESPONSIBILITY AND A PRIVILEGE

The power of prayer and consecrated effort shall again manifest itself during the next two weeks, the intensive period of our Building Fund campaign for the new church. It is a **MUST** on our immediate calendar, with the old property sold, and a definite time limit on occupancy.

We shall be proud of our new church. It is destined to be a great powerhouse for God in our entire community. There will be untold joy in participation and in achievement. We face the future with confidence, and the present with determination. Right now, our Christian responsibility is clear and well-defined. . . . We must do our very best, and seize it as a real privilege.

THE KICK-OFF

Monday evening at 7:37 committee members and teamworkers launch the important "Completion Program" for our new church. They join for dessert and coffee, and final instructions and materials, prior to actual solicitation of members and friends, approaching the task prayerfully, and in great sincerity.

In fact, the challenge is great to all of us. These consecrated workers should have as much help as we can possibly give them! There is no greater satisfaction than helping to build a fine new church. Meanwhile, we ask Thee to bless this effort, and to bless the beauty of Thy new tabernacle, oh Lord, that it may truly express Thy magnificence and Thy bounty to us.

INVITATION

The Church is invited to attend the wedding of Miss Mardelle Fisher and Newell B. Kean, Jr., on Saturday evening, September 30th at 4:30 o'clock in the Church.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Edward Sechler is in the Lutheran Hospital, Room 366. Mrs. George C. Malcolm is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Room 315.

FINANCES

This Sunday will end the third quarter. Many will bring their offerings up to date. If you have let your pledge slip this summer check it up to date this Sunday for our Honor Roll.

SILENT AUCTION

General Council Project

Friday evening at the Church. An evening of entertainment is planned. All members of the Church and their friends are cordially invited.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Drapes, bedspreads, rugs and scarves have been sent to the College to help refurnish two girls' rooms. Lamps will follow soon. Those who wish to contribute to this project please see Mrs. Vaught, Mrs. Flowers or turn your free will offering in to your Group Leader at the next meeting. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP

The C.Y.F. will have a Hayride Friday evening, September 29th. Tickets may be secured from the Committee.



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Number 50

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

BROADCAST OVER WGL

Sermon: "Magic of Believing"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music by the Choir

All shut-ins and persons unable to attend may have Bread and Wine ready and join in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Emblems will be taken simultaneously.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Adult Classes will begin Last Quarter of their Study Material. Children and Young People begin new studies.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

New interest among our Young People. All young people are invited.

BEGIN THIS SUNDAY

14 WEEKS DEVOTION STARTS THIS SUNDAY!

Our workers are prepared to help make this 14 Weeks a sacred time in your Church life. Enrich these days with a quiet time for meditation and prayer, the reading of the Bible and devotional literature, A concern for others and Christ expressed in loyal attendance at worship and sincere invitation to others to join you.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Leo Blair, 221 N. Seminole Circle on Friday evening, October 6 at 8 PM. Mrs. Irene Kissinger is the Assistant hostess.

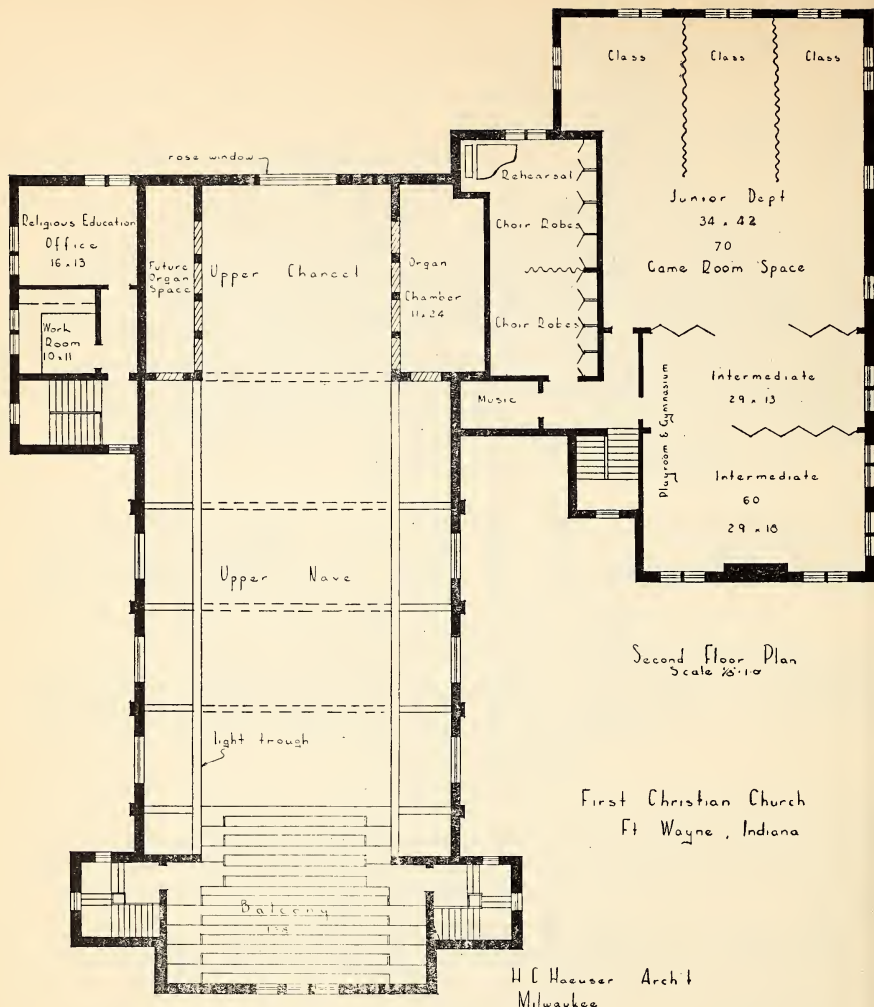
WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. F. H. Rogers, 3021 Weisser Park Ave., on Tuesday, October 3.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 4017 S. Fairfield Ave., on Thursday afternoon, October 5.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. Leo Miller, 2210 Ardmore, Tuesday afternoon, October 3. Mrs. Hazel VanAlstine will give devotions. Program on Home Missions.

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Bret Young, R. R. 11, Rekeweg Rd., on Thursday afternoon, October 5. Mrs. Haword Wise is the assistant hostess.



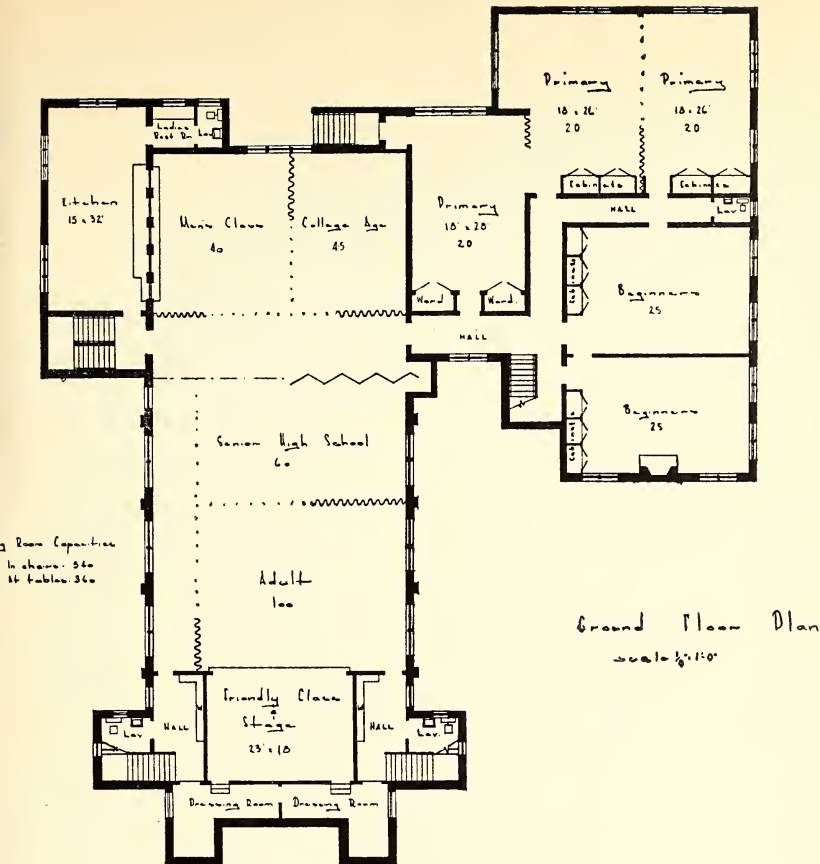
OUR NEW CHURCH

The above is second floor plan. Note the Religious Education office—work-room—notice separate choir room which will make it possible for the Choir or Band to practice without disturbing other meetings. Note also that Junior and Intermediate departments can on occasion be thrown into a small gymnasium. Note, also the large number that can be seated in the balcony. The organ chambers are along modern lines and will enable very unusual organ effects.

The drawing on the opposite page shows the ground floor. There is a fine dining hall that will seat 360 at tables; 560 in chairs. Notice a stage for religious dramas — Beginner and Primary rooms will be light, cheerful and well furnished with closets. The kitchen is nicely arranged and by the use of accordion partitions the dining room may be enlarged according to need. Note the convenient arrangement of lavatories. The heating plant will be under the kitchen.

On the following page you will observe the ground layout. Ample place for parking cars is being reserved. Also place for outside tennis, basketball and other sports. Also, places for outside ovens and childrens section. All this in addition to plans for beautiful landscaping. Note shelter for unloading passengers at Church door.

THIS IS OUR DAY — WE SHALL MAKE IT ONE TO GLORIFY GOD



VISION

The volume of new church construction throughout our country is at an all-time high. From coast to coast, Protestant and Catholic alike are seizing the opportunity to build and expand their Christian service to the communities they serve. This is being done while the funds are available, as the part of wisdom.

With new high totals before us in the demands of children and young people for more adequate and more attractive church facilities, our only course is to provide for them. Our greatest responsibility today is in the Christian training of the young people who will be the leaders of tomorrow. Dare we do less than provide properly for church school and a worshipful and attractive church home?

CAMPAIGN WORKERS

Judging by the fine turnout of teamworkers at the dessert and coffee meeting anchoring the financial campaign of our new church Completion Program last Sunday evening, plus their wonderful spirit and willingness to "do the job," our project is destined for success. We owe a great debt of gratitude to these busy people, who are not only giving generously to the Building Fund themselves, but are devoting hours of time and effort to call on others.

We demonstrate our faith by our personal participation in a worthwhile project. These Workers for the Kingdom experience a real joy in the current undertaking of our church. They will be unwilling to exchange it for any other, when the task is completed. Meanwhile, let us give them our loyal support by giving generously to help build our new church, to be dedicated to God and dedicated for Christian service to our fellow men.

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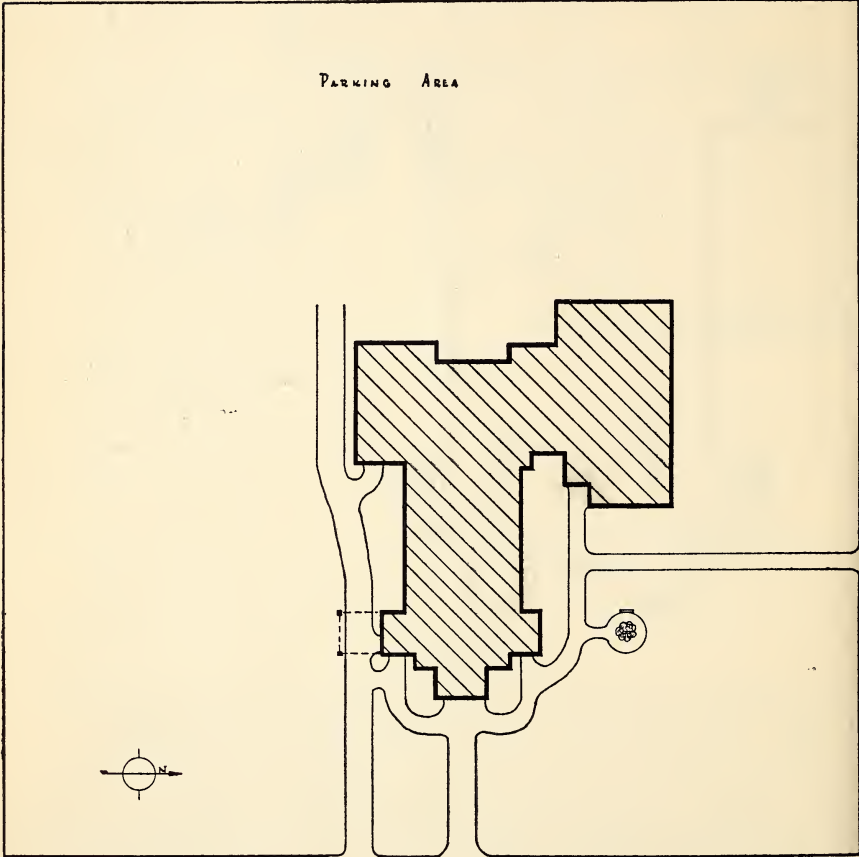
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HARRISON

STREET

PARKING AREA



CALHOUM

STREET

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 1, Cecil Rice, Chas. E. Fuchshuber; October 8, Glenn R. Miller, Alan C. Bell; October 15, W. C. Birkhold, Floyd E. Morrical; October 22, J. Z. Berlien, Preston Somers; October 29, F. Wayne Rousseau, Dr. A. C. Worley.

SCHEDULE FOR DEACONS FOR OCTOBER

Rolland Ripple, Captain, H-02564; Cecil A. Kinzie, Leo E. Miller, Wm. M. Moffitt, Fred H. Wilson, Romane Cole, Robert Rayl, Richard Schrecongost.

SILENT AUCTION

Members of the Council and friends will be interested to know that we cleared more than \$50.00 on our Silent Auction. The president wishes to thank every person who helped in any way to make this occasion a success.

OCTOBER GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Council will have its **Annual Harvest Ingathering** for the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion on **October 17**. Worship is in charge of the Naomi Circle, Transportation, Rachel Circle, and refreshments, officers and circle chairmen of the Council Program Committee.



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WITNESS FOR NEW CHURCH NOW!

CAMPAIGN CLOSES OCTOBER 8th

EVERY MEMBER SHOULD HAVE A SHARE IN NEW CHURCH

Names will be enscribed on stainless steel. History is in the making

Our Building is assured.

Have a part in this Historic Record.

(If you have not been seen, get intouch with the Office)

VICTORY SUNDAY

SERVICE ON AIR 10:30 A.M.—WGL

Sermon: "Seeing Your Way Through"

Praecher: Our Pastor

Reports from everywhere indicate reception was good for our Communion

Service last Sunday. Shut-ins may again join in the celebration of the

Lord's Supper this Sunday.

SPECIAL Miss Dorrie Shearer of Evanston, Illinois, daughter of Mr. Fred Shearer, our Campaign Director, will be the guest soloist.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Special project for Children. Interesting new lessons for this Quarter

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The reality of a new church is taking hold. It is surely a joy to see so many of the members of First Christian giving so generously of both time and money.

However, some have yet failed to realize that we build a new church only once in two or three generations, and that we must dig deep—the more we give the greater our joy. **It is possible. Let's finish the job!**

H.W.Sigrist.

VICTORY SUNDAY — FELLOWSHIP TEA — 5:35 P.M.

Church invited. Final Reports and Recognition.

Guest Soloists: Miss Shearer of Evanston, Illinois

Mr. John William Broom, flute soloist.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang out for Mardelle Fisher and Newell Kean, two of our fine young people, wedded last Saturday, September 30. We wish them every happiness and may God bless their home.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. H. Thompson, 1721 Kentucky Ave. Tuesday evening, October 10 at 7:30 P.M.

One Great Hour

Receipts from *One Great Hour of Sharing* seem to indicate the possibility of a total offering of \$5,000,000 when all funds are in. The concerted nationwide appeal on March 12 had assistance from the press, radio and television, and national publications.

Disciples of Christ shared in the effort through the "Week of Compassion" with part of the offerings earmarked for world relief through Church World Service and others for relief work in our mission areas. The total giving by Christian Churches in the "Week of Compassion" to June 13 was \$652,857.99.

Other denominational programs which were included in the *One Great Hour* were the "Week of Dedication" in Methodist churches, and the "One World In Christ Campaign" of Episcopal churches.



A Miracle Worker

First, Upwasa came to Jackman Memorial Hospital in Bilaspur, India. For many months she had endured the pain of the huge tumor which now made even breathing an agony. One miracle worker after another had tried to exorcise the evil spirit from her body. Another was almost too much for her.

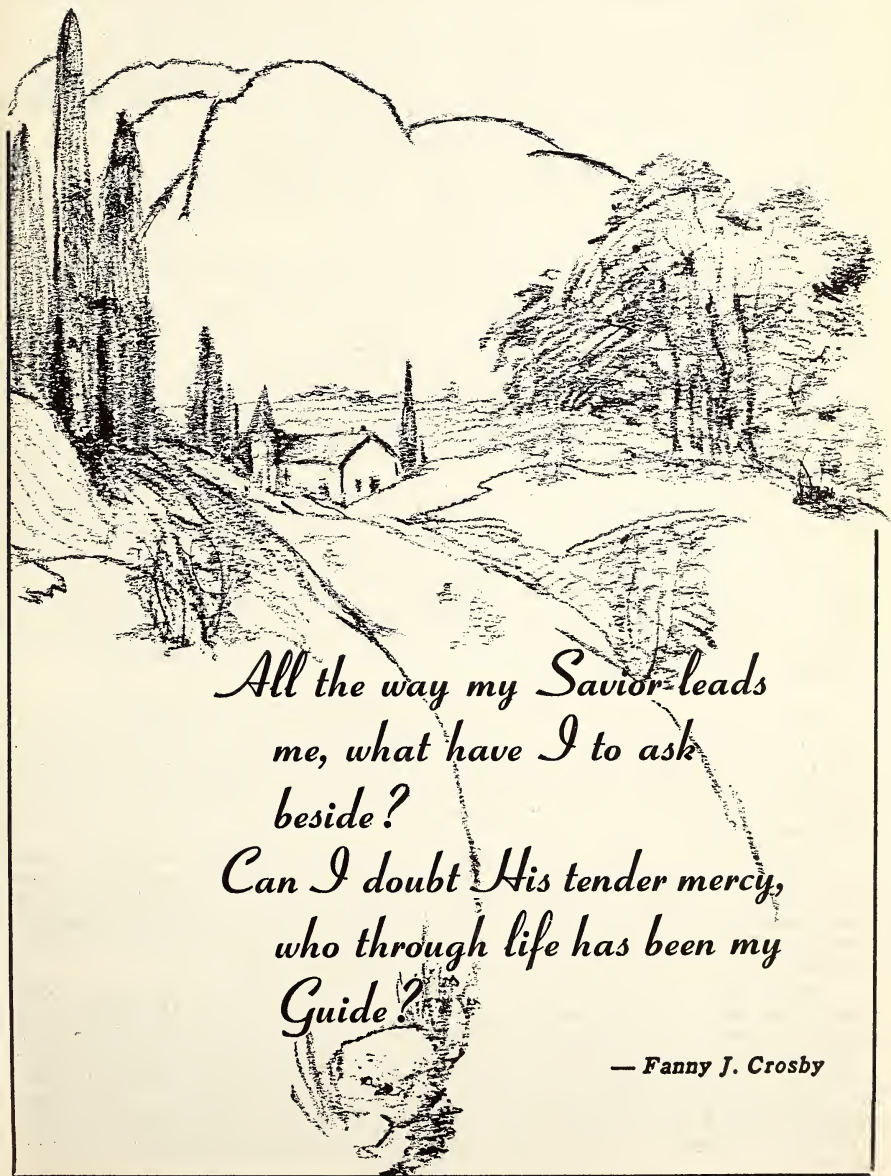
But this was different. The gentle hands of a woman doctor gave her confidence.

In the morning a nurse stood beside her to ask how she felt. "The pain is gone, almost, and I can breathe." No wonder, for the tumor weighed 56 pounds.

When Upwasa left the hospital, she had come to know the doctors and the nurses, she had talked with other patients, she had listened to those who told of the Great Teacher and Healer. She could hardly wait to get back to her village. Oh, yes, she would return for checkup, but more important, she would bring others from her village. Maybe they, too, could find life in this hospital of the Christians. Maybe they would all come closer to the source of the Love and Life she had felt here.

LEFT, Dr. Hope Nicholson with Upwasa—ready to go home. BELOW, Upwasa, center, with four patients brought from her village for treatment.





*All the way my Savior leads
me, what have I to ask
beside?*

*Can I doubt His tender mercy,
who through life has been my
Guide?*

— Fanny J. Crosby

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Have a part in this Historic Record.

(If you have not been seen, get intouch with the Office)

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Special project for Children. Interesting new lessons for this Quarter

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The reality of a new church is taking hold. It is surely a joy to see so many of the members of First Christian giving so generously of both time and money.

However, some have yet failed to realize that we build a new church only once in two or three generations, and that we must dig deep—the more we give the greater our joy. **It is possible. Let's finish the job!**

H.W.Sigrist.

VICTORY SUNDAY — FELLOWSHIP TEA — 5:35 P.M.

Church invited. Final Reports and Recognition.

Guest Soloists: Miss Shearer of Evanston, Illinois

Mr. John William Broom, flute soloist.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang out for Mardelle Fisher and Newell Kean, two of our fine young people, wedded last Saturday, September 30. We wish them every happiness and may God bless their home.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. H. Thompson, 1721 Kentucky Ave. Tuesday evening, October 10 at 7:30 P.M.

One Great Hour

Receipts from *One Great Hour of Sharing* seem to indicate the possibility of a total offering of \$5,000,000 when all funds are in. The concerted nationwide appeal on March 12 had assistance from the press, radio and television, and national publications.

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A Miracle Worker

First, Upwasa came to Jackman Memorial Hospital in Bilaspur, India. For many months she had endured the pain of the huge tumor which now made even breathing an agony. One miracle worker after another had tried to exorcise the evil spirit from her body. Another was almost too much for her.

But this was different. The gentle hands of a woman doctor gave her confidence.

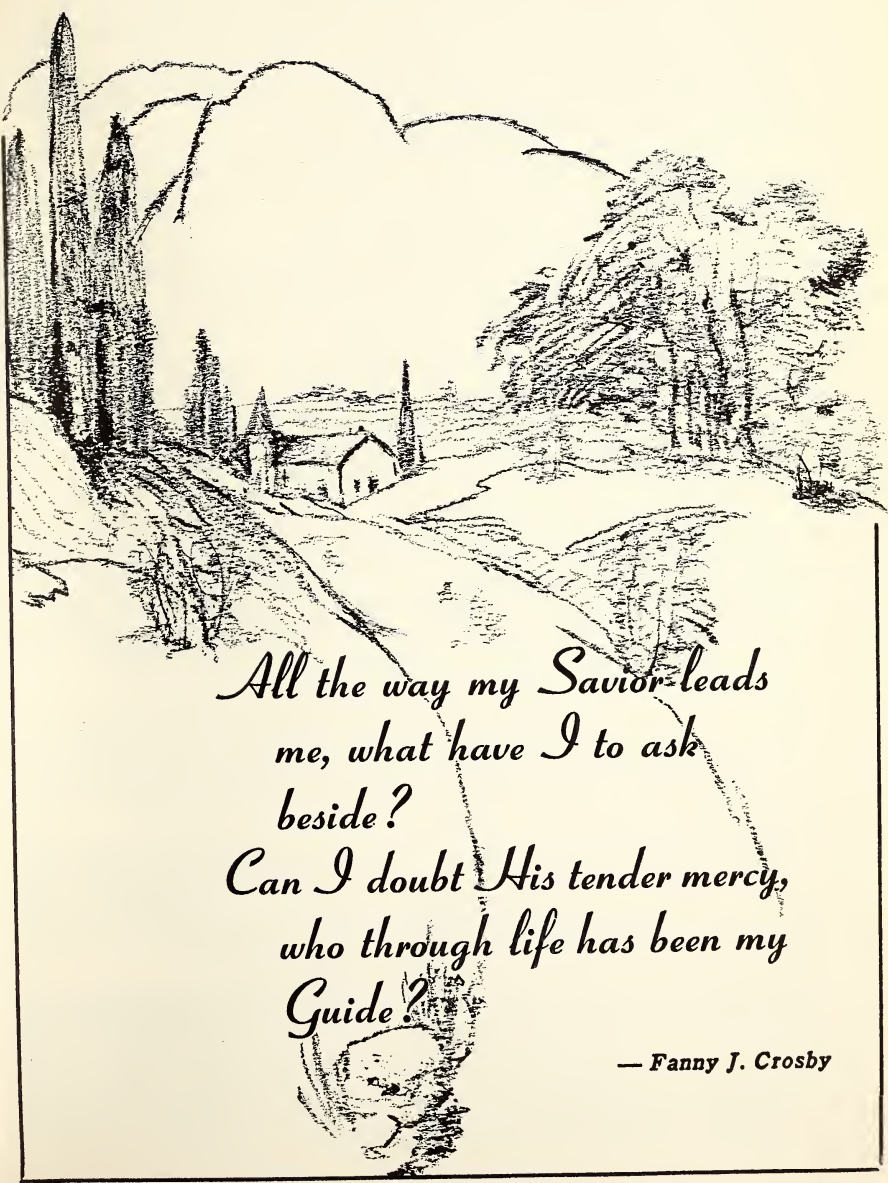
In the morning a nurse stood beside her to ask how she felt. "The pain is gone, almost, and I can breathe." No wonder, for the tumor weighed 56 pounds.

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LEFT, Dr. Hope Nicholson with Upwasa—ready to go home. BELOW, Upwasa, center, with four patients brought from her village for treatment.





*All the way my Savior-leads
me, what have I to ask
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*Can I doubt His tender mercy,
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OVER W.G.L.

Sermon: "Your Mistakes Can Help You"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Communion Service as well as Music and Sermon will be broadcast

Shut-ins report fine receptions. You can join the congregation.

Have Loaf and Cup ready for Celebration of Lord's Supper.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Activities are coming into full swing. Be in your class this Sunday.

NURSERY

A Registered Nurse has charge of babies and small children. Other children should be in church with parents.

**MEN'S FORUM WILL HAVE LADIES
SUNDAY EVENING 6:00 P.M.**

Dr. Lyle V. Newman, head of Department of Visitation Evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society will be the speaker. Chort business, Pres. Gail Roe, presiding.

A short and interesting strip film "Mr. Adams and His Church" will be shown.

This meeting will launch our week of Visitation.

Raymond Russell heads the dinner committee.

INTERNATIONAL CYF

The International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission meeting brings together youth of the Christian Churches from every section of the United States and Canada each year. The seventh annual planning meeting was held at Camp LaForet, Colorado, from August 28 to September 1 this year. Attendance was 132 young people and their adult leaders from 28 states or areas, and one visitor from the Philippines.

The chief purpose of this meeting is to plan the program emphasis for suggestion to local churches as it relates to the Christian Youth Fellowship program. Approximately ten hours are spent in this group planning. At plenary sessions, specific information and recommendations from each of the committee groups is made. The Commission this year planned for the 1951-52 program emphases of the CYF. The theme chosen was "With Christ We Build Anew."

Officers elected for the coming year are: President, Miss Peggy Thomas of Texas; Associate President, Albert Pennybacker of Tennessee; Secretary, Miss Peggy Humbert of Ohio. Miss Thomas will spend four months—Sep-



This committee of the International CYF makes plans for use in local churches in the next missionary year.

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The Commission works in six major committees. These, with the chairmen for this year, are: Worship, Miss Joyce Swango, Kentucky; Study, Miss Carolyn Monroe, Georgia; Enlistment, Miss Rosemary Evans, Minnesota; Service, Charles Wilson, Oklahoma; Recreation, Charles Gladney, Missouri; Inter-Fellowship, Harold Smith, Illinois.

NEW MISSIONARY COMMISSIONED

Miss Betty Marie Ellis of First Christian Church, Peru, Indiana, was commissioned a missionary to Japan on September 13 in Missions Building, Indianapolis.

Miss Ellis has prepared to serve in China but since permission is not being granted for entrance into that field now, she has transferred to Japan. She has trained to work in community health service, having her M.S. degree from the Medical Faculty of Columbia University. She has also done practical work in this field during the past summer.

The staff of our Japan Mission now includes three couples regularly commissioned for that field and three single women whose ultimate work will be in China.



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**I am the Light of the World;
He who follows me will not walk in darkness,
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And our Church is united in a most wonderful way.

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PREACHING MISSION — OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 5

Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, Preacher

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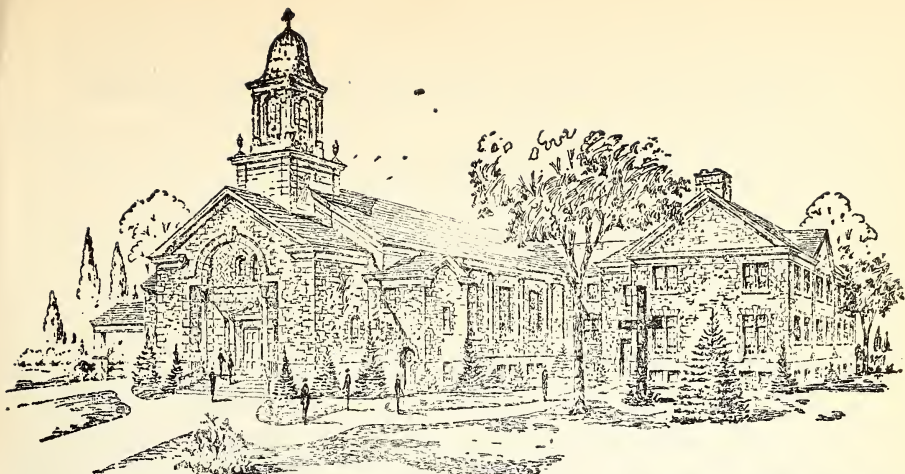
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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIO — OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Our pastor, Rev. Beck is attending the International Convention at Oklahoma City, Okla., this week. He will be in his pulpit next Sunday morning.

OUR THANKS

Mr. Fred W. Shearer of Evanston, has been financial director during our Completion Program. He did a fine piece of work for us while here. We appreciated his spirit of co-operation and friendliness. Every good wish for him and his work.



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Number 2

OUR PREACHING MISSION

Begins on Reformation Sunday — October 29, - November 5

DR. ROBERT M. HOPKINS, Guest Speaker

WORSHIP SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

Broadcast over W.G.L. (1250)

SERMON: "MY CHURCH" SPEAKER: DR. HOPKINS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 — 7:30 P.M.

SERMON: "GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"

Special Recognition to the Woman's Council

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 — 7:30 P.M.

SERMON: "THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE"

Special Recognition to Men's Forum and Laymen of the Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — 7:30 P.M.

SERMON: "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

Recognition of Officers and Teachers of our Church School

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — 7:30 P.M.

SERMON: "HOW RICH ARE YOU?"

Recognition of the Official Board of the Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — 7:30 P.M.

SERMON: "THE CHURCH IN THEIR HOME"

Recognition of Young People

FINAL SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "OUR BROTHERHOOD"

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His visit with us is a real opportunity for everyone.

Preaching the Gospel Among Mexican-Americans

Approximately 1,000,000 Mexican-Americans are living in southern Texas, having crossed the border to seek better living conditions for their families. While many have come recently to the United States, others have lived here for years and are citizens.

Through the Division of Home Missions, the United Society aids in a ministry to this large population in five centers—McAllen, San Benito, San Antonio, Robstown and Corpus Christi, Texas. The Mexican Christian Churches in these cities are served by Spanish-speaking pastors and have a total membership of approximately 550.

More than half of these members are in the church at San Antonio which is now self-supporting. Much of the credit for the splendid growth of this congregation and its achievement goes to Mr. Fred Vazquez, pastor there since 1941. His untiring efforts and his devotion to the work have helped to build this to one of the strongest churches among Mexican-Americans of the Southwest. Before going to San Antonio, he was pastor of the San Benito Church for five years.

In September, 1950, Mr. Vazquez resigned his work at San Antonio to take the leadership of the church at Corpus Christi, the youngest of the group. Beginning in 1947, this congregation now numbers approximately 80, and has an average attendance at worship services and in the Sunday school of 55 and 60.



Dollar-a-Year Men

Four *Dollar-a-Year* men were appointed by the trustees of the United Society at their September meeting, to serve with the department of Men's Work. These were: W. B. Pearce, Shreveport, La., Lewis J. Ackers, Abilene, Texas, Jack Sutton, Denver, Colo., and E. White, Jacksonville, Fla.

The aim of the department of men's work is to guide more men of the church to become true followers of Christ. The *Dollar-a-Year* men will give some definite time to speaking to men's groups in other states than their own, they will attend state and national conventions, and will assist in planning the work of the department.

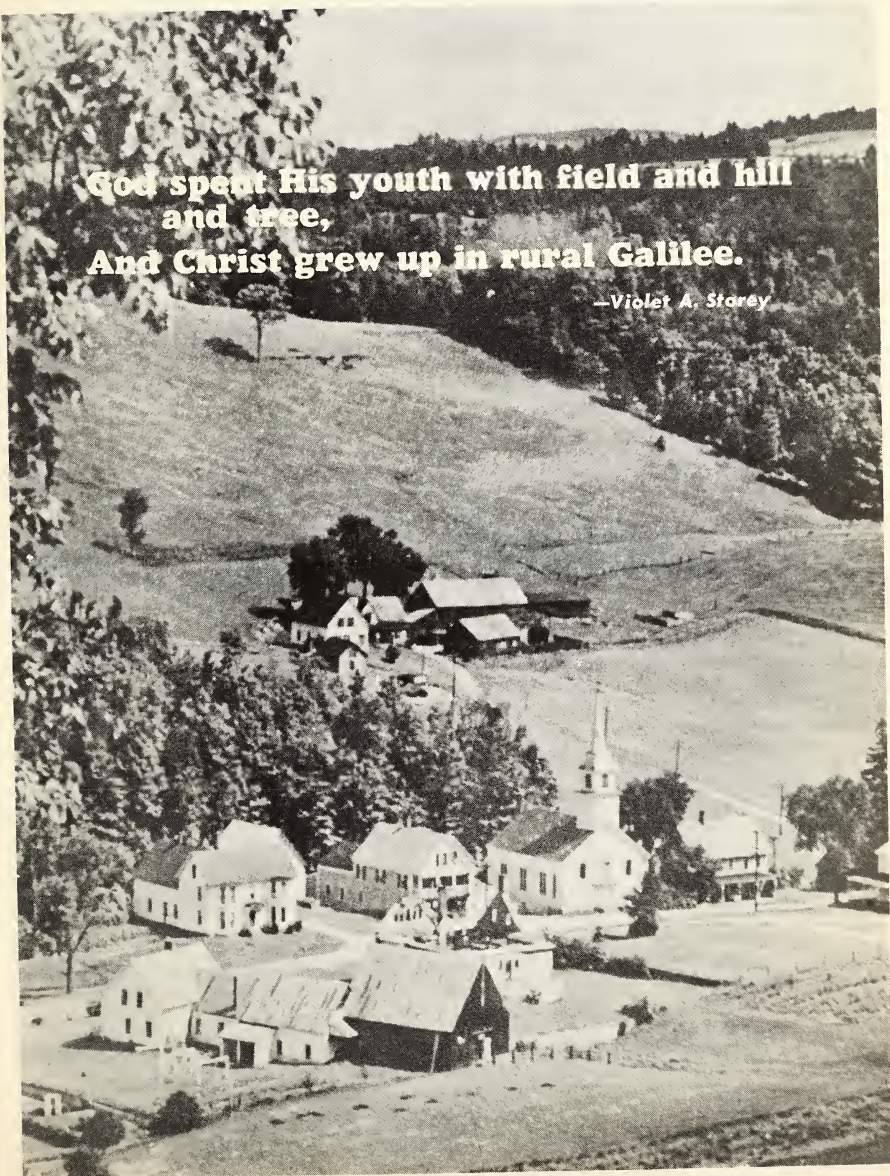
First Sunday School, Corpus Christi, Texas, May 11, 1947

Fred Vazquez



**God spent His youth with field and hill
and tree,
And Christ grew up in rural Galilee.**

—Violet A. Storey



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acts of March 3, 1879.

O. E. Ogden, widely known as musician and conductor of Bands and Orchestras, leader of our own Band and a member of our congregation, will lead our singing. There will be special music and excellent singing.

Volunteer Choir. Invitation to be a member of the Volunteer Choir, for the week of The Mission, to all those who like to sing.

Your loyal attendance for this week of services during our **Fourteen Weeks of Devotion** is most cordially solicited.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Please be in your classes on time. Many activities have been enjoyed in last weeks.

The Come-Double Class enjoyed a Masquerade party at Franke Park.

The Intermediate Department enjoyed a party at the home of our Pastor.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Members of the Dorcas Group having birthdays during the past five months will be hostesses at a dinner meeting at 1:30 P.M., Thursday, November 2, at the home of Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, 334 W. Fleming Ave. The other members and friends will be guests for this occasion.

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield for a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, November 1, at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. E. L. Harris will present the program.

The Martha Group will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield Ave. Thursday, November 2, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. M. G. Heller will give the devotions and the group will discuss the 4th chapter of the study book. Members, please bring your study books with you.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

World Community Day will be observed **November 3** at the First EUB Church, at Clinton and DeWald Sts. at 2 P.M. with Dr. Walter Sykes of Indianapolis as guest speaker. **THEME: LOVE THY NEIGHBOR. "BRING AN OFFERING AND COME INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD."**

First Christian Women have always been generous in their support of whatever project decided upon for World Community Day. We are looking to you again this year.

ECUMENICAL REGISTER

Is a registration of Protestant Church Women of any or all denominations whereby a woman shows that she has faith in the great ecumenical movement by giving her name and her dollar for furthering Christ's kingdom on earth, particularly among women and children. **THE GOAL, 1,000,000 women registered by the end of October. Have YOU registered?**

The Biennial Convention of the United Council of Church Women will be held in Cincinnati in November. On Tuesday, November 14, at 8:00 P.M. C.S.T. the popular radio program, **"Town Meeting of The Air"** will originate in the Assembly Hall of the Convention. Tune in and hear that much of the convention.

AT COLLEGE

A letter from Miss Shirley Johnson, who has matriculated in Earlham College, stated that she had been attending the First Christian Church in Richmond. We are glad to hear from our College Young People.

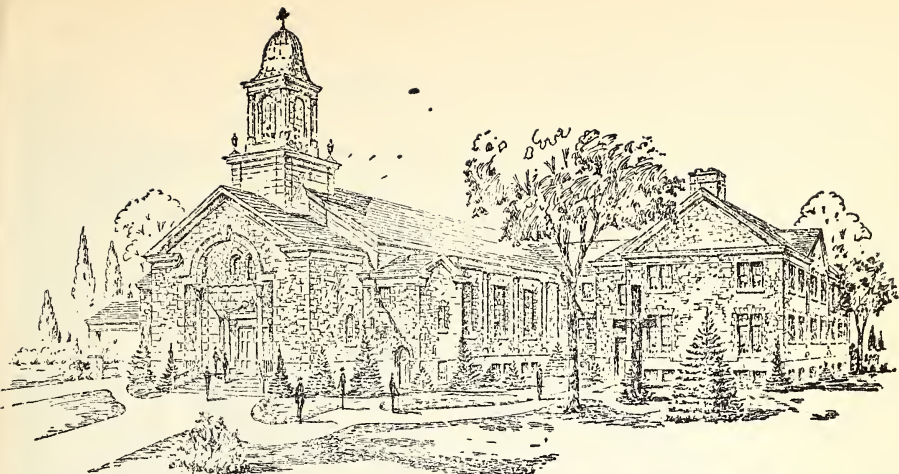
MARVIN CROUSE

Pictures and poster of Marvin Crouse, Magician and master deceptionist clearly prove he is no amateur but a Master in this field of entertainment.

YOUNG PEOPLE ELECT OFFICERS

Miss Betty Rose, Harold Donelson and Donna Leversee were elected officers of C.Y.P. David Griggs is adult sponsor. These young people are planning a Halloween Party. Miss Jeanette Redman and D. Eugene Munro, Co-editors.

COME! FISH FRY DINNER — FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 27TH



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LAST SERVICE OF THE PREACHING MISSION CLOSES THIS SUNDAY IN VICTORY SERVICE

Great attendance anticipated in Church School

100% Attendance — Your officers and teachers are working to have 100% members present. Your Class is depending on You.

Recognition will be given classes. Make whatever sacrifice is necessary.

— BE PRESENT —

9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Our guest preacher, Dr. Robert M. Hopkins has been bringing **stirring, inspiring messages**. **"OUR BROTHERHOOD"** will climax these great sermons.

VICTORY DINNER

Following the Service the congregation will meet in Social room downstairs for a "covered dish" dinner. Plan to stay for this Victory Dinner.

Dr. Hopkins will speak on **"My impressions of First Christian and Its Present Opportunity."**

Each family please bring your own **table service**. Coffee will be furnished. The Friendly Class will act as Hostesses for this Dinner.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Mr. O. E. Ogden has been doing an excellent job in leading our congregation in singing.

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Training in Christian Living

The program of training in Christian living through summer conferences and camps is growing rapidly. For the young people of our churches in the United States and Canada, 130 conferences were held this summer. The incomplete report, as of September 20, showed a total of 7,753 students attending, with 1,333 adult faculty members. Ten conferences have not reported.

For boys and girls of intermediate age, 131 camps were conducted. Attendance, as reported by 99 camps, was 6,432 campers and 973 adult counselors. Thirty-two camps are not included in this report.

With the average attendance even larger than last year, this means that almost 17,000 young people of our churches had training in a Christian camp or conference last summer. In addition, 2,500 adults of the churches gave their time voluntarily in the program.

In at least 100 young people's conferences, a missionary from one of our world fields was a member of the faculty.



I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep . . .

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

—John 10:11, 14-16



New gymnasium and auditorium for Colegio Ward, dedicated in June, 1950.

Colegio Ward

Colegio Ward at Buenos Aires, Argentina, is a cooperative school conducted by Disciples of Christ and Methodists. Enrollment this year is 1,200.

For some years it has not been possible to get the whole school together, due to the small assembly hall. In June a new gymnasium and auditorium with seating capacity for 1,200 was dedicated. Now parents may be invited to such services as the Mother's Day program, and the presentation of New Testaments to boarding graduates at the close of the year.

The building will also be available for mass meetings and conferences for church people of Argentina.

Disciples of Christ have made an additional contribution to the school through the appointment of Carl Garnett, of Hamilton, Ohio, to the American Grammar and High School section for a three-year term. He plans to reach Buenos Aires for the opening of the next school year in March, 1951.



So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.



LOVE GIFT

Designated as **Love Gift** envelopes have been sent to all our members. This goes to our leader, who has left his work in New York City to lead us in this great preaching mission. Please bring these to the morning service 10:30 A.M.

DO YOU KNOW

Someone who is thinking about becoming a member of the Church. Now is the time to speak a word of encouragement.

THEY CONTINUE TO COME

Again last Sunday we saw new members being received into the Church. Ours is a growing congregation.

C. Y. F.

The C.Y.F. will go to Warsaw Sunday afternoon for the Area Meeting of Young People.

NOTES

Friends will be interested to know that Miss Charlotte Drewett has joined the WAC's AND WILL BE STATIONED AT FORT LEE, Virginia. Miss Lois Drewett has been called to the WAC's and will spend a short time at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and later will be stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Our good wishes go with these two fine young women.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College St., Tuesday November 7, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. J. R. Coar will present devotions.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. F. H. Rogers, 3021 Weissner Park Ave., Tuesday, November 7 at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. J. Z. Berlien will give the devotions and Mrs. Martin Wagner will present the program. Theme, "Home Missions."

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 5—Dale Parkerson,	B. W. Leversee
November 12—Floyd Morrical,	Cecil Rice
November 19—C. E. Fuchshuber,	Alan C. Bell
November 26—Glenn R. Miller,	J. Z. Berlien

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Robert E. Working, Captain, A-66631, William H. Crouse, Dudley Planton, Ralph J. Richard, Martin C. Brudi, Wm. E. Tracey, Dale C. Hiler, Gail J. Roe.

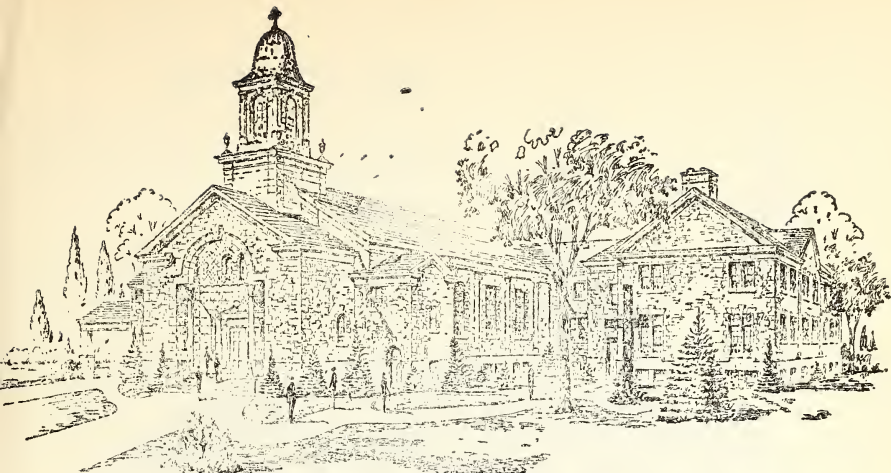
ANNUAL BAZAAR AND STEAK DINNER

November 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. the General Council will serve a steak dinner to members of the church and for the public. Also the Annual Bazaar will be held in the Social room of the church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these functions of the Council. Mrs. Leo Miller and Mrs. Owen Vaught is in charge of the dinner. Mrs. Irene Cline will take charge in the dining room; Mrs. Dale Hiler is in charge of arrangements for the Bazaar; Mrs. H. M. Flowers is Cashier; and Mrs. Gail Roe is ticket chairman. **Reservations MUST be in by Tuesday, November 7th.** Adults \$1.25; Children 75c.

Some of the Circles are decorating their booths. This is optional.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Eugene M. Fitch is in the St. Joseph Hospital in Room 372, undergoing treatment. **Arthur R. Richardson** was in a serious automobile accident and is in the Methodist Hospital suffering from several fractures.



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NOVEMBER IS RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE MONTH

Take Your Problems To Church This Week

Millions Leave Them There

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: Facing What People Say About You

Preacher :Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Men's Class had the largest attendance since organized with 100% attendance last Sunday. Many other Classes showed large attendance. This Attendance Crusade was a "quickie" and the response was gratifying. Be in Church this Sunday.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

Our young people went to Area Young People's Meeting Sunday at Warsaw. David Griggs was elected Adult Counsellor for this Area.

BOWLING!

Saturday, at 7:30 P.M. Sharp

G. E. Alleys

4 Alleys

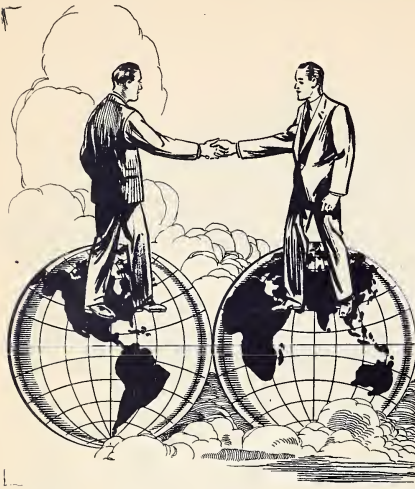
LET'S FILL THEM

ORCHIDS

To the Friendly Bible Class for being such excellent hostesses at our carry-in dinner last Sunday.

OUR EVANGELISM

We appreciate those who worked on our Visitation Evangelism. They include: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Edgerton, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard Wise, Albert Egly, Alan Bell, Robert Koontz, B. W. Leversee, Gail Roe, George Bruckman, Clayton Yoquelet, Rolland Ripple, Richard Schrecongost, Mel Kreps, John Craig, Robert T. Beck, Charles Fuchshuber is Chairman of this division of the Church work.



*THOU hast on earth a Trinity,—
Thyself, my fellowman and me;
When one with him, then one with
Thee:*

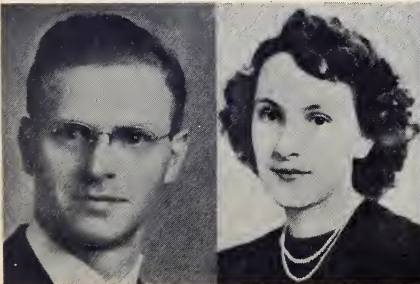
Nor, save together, thine are we.
—John Banister Tabb

Meet Your Missionaries

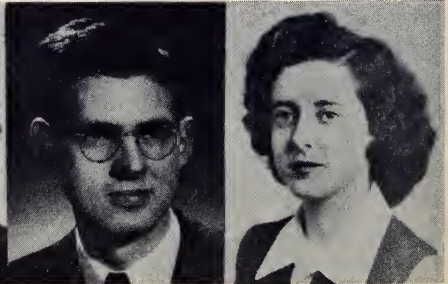
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paget have returned from the Congo where they have served their first term at Bolenge, as missionaries under the auspices of the United Society.

Dr. and Mrs. Keene Watson, new missionaries, sailed in August, en route to Congo. However, they must spend several months in study in Belgium, to meet requirements of the government, before proceeding to the field.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paget, Jr.



Dr. and Mrs. Keene Watson



Aid to Churches

The history of the Christian Church is a story of brotherhood across the nation, of mutual helpfulness among the churches.

One of the earliest chapters is that of assistance given struggling groups in new communities by the older established congregations. That chapter is not yet complete. As long as there are areas in our nation where no church has been built, as long as there are new and weak congregations, the stronger churches will seek to aid.

That is the task of church development and evangelism, a part of the home missions program through the United Society. The number of churches aided varies from month to month as one reaches self-support and new groups ask for assistance.

In the last quarter of the 1949-50 missionary year, 59 churches were aided. Three churches in the French Mission in Louisiana and four in the Mexican Mission of Texas were a part of the ministry. Others were scattered in 24 states, four Canadian provinces, and the island of Hawaii.

The net gain in membership for the 59 churches, in the three months, was 410. Only 2 of those churches have membership above 300; 24 are less than 100; and 9 have 50 or less members.



**Sometimes I need to stand alone,
Beneath the deep blue sky of night,
To breath the quietness of God,
And feel the strength of all his might!**

—Author Unknown

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

In a great Communion Service.
 You can make this step a
Spiritual Step. Here is one
 way we can be made rich
 unto God.

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In our giving to our Church we express our democracy
 and fellowship with the Christian Co-operative forces of
 our own Brotherhood and the inter-Communion work of the
 Christian forces. This step will be a **step of fellowship.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lear, O. E. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Edgerton, Robin
 Miller, Mrs. Pauline Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. Eurol Rose, Miss Betty Rose, Mr. and
 Mrs. Julius Shelley, Mrs. Grace Bell, Miss Margaret Shockney, Mrs. Mittie Warner,
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Neuert, Jr., Leonard E. Goode,
 Mary Esther Hopkins.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. Aden Current, 4519 Oliver St., Tues-
 day, November 14 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Myron Cole will assist the hostess, Mrs.
 Stanley Cole will give the devotions and Mr. O. G. Baugher will present the
 program.

General Council Meeting

The General Council will meet Tuesday afternoon, **November 21st.**, at the
 church. The meeting is listed in our program booklets for November 14, but this
 is in error.

Woman's Dal, December 3rd

The General Executive of the Woman's Council meet for a few minutes next
 Sunday morning following the Morning Worship Services, in the Chapel room.

Woman's Dal, November 3rd

Mrs. J. J. Farwell—known to many of us, will be our guest speaker on Wom-
 an's Day, December 3rd. The Offering will apply on our Missionary Goal.
 Envelopes have been distributed to the Circle Presidents.

LOVE OFFERING FOR DR. HOPKINS

This Offering will be held oven until after next Sunday, to give those unable
 to be present last Sunday an opportunity to have a part in this expression of
 appreciation.

Y. W. C. A. NOVEMBER 12

The members of this congregation are cordially invited to hear Miss Okgill
 Kim, a native of Seoul, Korea, who will be the guest speaker on the World Fel-
 lowship Program at the YWCA, Sunday, November 12, at 3:00 o'clock.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave.,
 Monday evening, November 13, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Edwin Geerkin will give
 Devotions and Miss Ethel Shroyer will present the lesson. Theme, "Home Mis-
 sions."

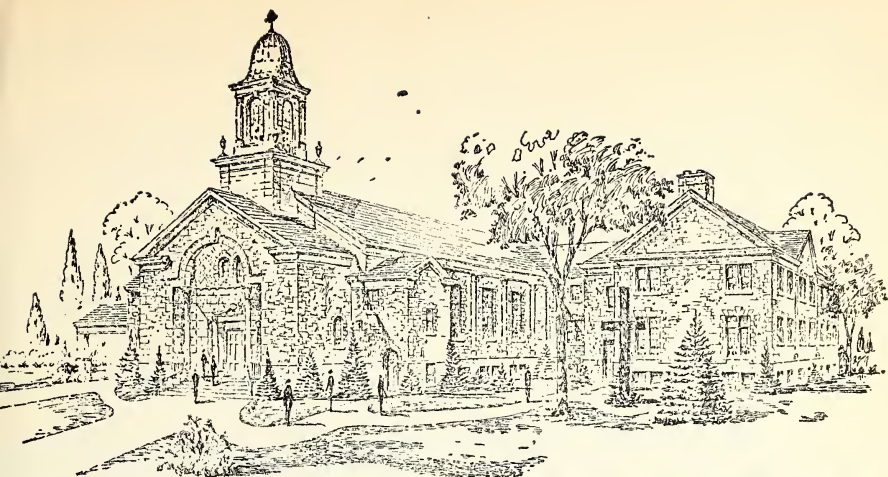
AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Mrs. M. Gindlesparger, 231 E. Masterson Ave., has been ill at her home.
 William Dean, son of Mrs. Favory left Saturday for the Armed Service.

ESTHER CIRCLE NOVEMBER 13

The Esther Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 N. Wells
 St., at 6:30 P.M. for a covered dish supper and program. The group will study
 the second chapter of their Study Book.

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 SO OUR CHURCH CAN DO MORE**



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NOVEMBER IS RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE MONTH

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "HOW TO CARRY THROUGH YOUR PRINCIPLES"

PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

On November 19 it will be Four score and seven years since Lincoln's Gettysburg address—when he said, "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us . . . ; That this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people—and for the people, shall not perish from the Earth." This task is our task today.

Many people are finding help in Church—So can you.

TAKE YOUR PROBLEMS TO CHURCH THIS WEEK Millions leave theme there.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Let our teachers and officers during the rest of the year mark their Sunday by regular and consecrated service. You have a great opportunity. Let the members of our Church School give consistent and sincere support.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

The C.Y.F. will publish a monthly paper for their group. Jeanette Redman and Eugene Munro are co-Editors. Miss Betty Rose is the president of the group.

MEN'S FORUM — Sunday 5 P.M.

Dr. L. E. Olson, who has recently returned from a trip to Norway and Continental Europe, will speak to the Forum on his observations in Europe. Dr. Olson is pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Remember — Forum will be over by 7 P.M. — Make Your Reservation NOW

HATS OFF

Hats off to those working on our **Fourteen Weeks of Devotion**. All of us in the Church are grateful to these people who are taking a personal interest, endeavoring to get our membership acquainted and reminding us of our duty. Encourage these people who seek to serve our Lord and our Church. Especially are we pleased, that many of those young in the Church are working earnestly in the Church.

UNITED NATIONS

Five years ago the United Nations Charter was ratified. Out of the travail of global war and man's resurgent hope for a new world, the international organization came into being.

The United Nations is based upon faith — faith that there is an underlying moral unity which can serve to bind together the nations of the world in peace and freedom.

The forces of world religion have a unique opportunity and responsibility to help lay a foundation for this faith. In fact, in a world still fouled by misunderstanding, self-centered nationalism, economic isolationism and fear, the great truths of religion show the only way in which world community can be made actual.

A Prayer for the United Nations

Almighty and eternal God, Father of all peoples, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:

Bless, we beseech Thee, the United Nations and all its work; inspire its leaders with the insight to understand, the courage to face boldly, and the patience to deal wisely with the disturbing problems of a world in peril.

Deliver the nations from false pride and self-righteousness. Stir in their leaders and peoples the will to cooperation in the United Nations that, by Thy grace, we may establish peace-with-justice. Guide us to build in our communities and throughout the world Thy eternal Kingdom of love and truth, of beauty and righteousness. Amen.

CHURCH AT SENDAI, JAPAN, RESTORED

The new building for the Christian Church at Sendai, Japan, was dedicated in June, 1950. It replaces the former building destroyed in the war.



The women's group of Sendai Church. This church also has a vigorous Sunday school. The pastor is T. Yokoyama. Sendai is in the northern half of the main island of Japan.



Lord Jesus, be our holy Guest,
Our morning joy, our evening rest;
And with our daily bread impart
Thy love and peace to every heart.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

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"Give and it shall be given
 unto you, Good measure,
 pressed down, shaken to-
 gether, running over, shall
 they give unto your bosom.
 For with what measure ye

STEP

mete, it shall be measured to you again."
 Giving is an expression of Faith. Our greatest example is
 the gift of our Lord. The purpose of the things we have as
 Christians is to use them for the development of our immortal
 souls. And all we shall take with us to Eternity shall be
 what we have given away.

During these days our officers are asking us to review our giving, our pledges,
 and step them up as we find it in our hearts and power to do so. Good religion
 is worth all we ever pay for it. And much more. If we had paid God more, we
 would today be paying less for War.

It will be a great day on November 26th when our members step up and
 leave their pledges on the Lord's Table. It is always a great day when the
 righteous go on the march.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Executive of the General Council will meet on Tuesday, November 21
 at 1:30 P.M. The regular meeting of the General Council will meet at 2:15 P.M.
 Program, a panel discussion with Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. E. L. Harris, Mrs. H. W.
 Sigrist and others. The Ruth Circle is in charge of the Worship period and
 Rachel Circle has charge of refreshments.

We will have a secret ballot on the subject of shuffling the group members.
 We cordially invited all the women of the church and urge a good attendance.

It has been decided to change the Council year to begin July 1, and close
 June 30th. Due to action taken at the last General meeting of the Council the
 present officers will retain their offices until June 30, 1951. The general election
 will be held in April.

You will be interested to learn that the Council made \$100 on the bazaar
 and \$140 on the supper.

NOTES

William Howard, son of Mrs. Marion Favory, is now serving in the U. S. Navy.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller on the birth of a daughter.

WHY I DON'T GO TO THE MOVIES

1. I was made to go too often when I was young.
2. No one ever speaks to me when I do go.
3. When I go, they always ask for money.
4. The manager never called to ask me why I hadn't been there lately.
5. The people there do not live up to what they show in their films.
6. The music is very poor.
7. I was ill for six weeks and nobody from there ever came to see me.

—CollegeParkBulletin.

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Number 6

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION

CONSECRATION LOYALTY OBSERVANCE SUNDAY

WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Gifts and Lives will be Consecrated at The Lord's Table

Elders will serve Worshippers

The Loaf and Wine

RECOGNITION TO BE GIVEN CLASSES

Those who come before Ten o'clock will receive gold crosses. Those that come after will receive silver crosses.

CLASSES WILL ASSEMBLE AT 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Duet by Miss Shirley Johnson and Mr. Owen O. Vaught

Vocal Solo by Miss Gayle Scott, Saxophone Duet by Glenn R. Miller, O. E. Ogden

The Offering and Gifts will be placed

In Golden Colored Urns

ATTENDANCE

The Progressive Class will have charge of attendance of presentation of Crosses. Mr. R. K. Schrecongost is the President of the Class and Mr. Hugh D. Rice is the teacher.

Mr. Alan C. Bell, chairman of the Board of Elders, will have charge of Elders.

Mr. Robert W. Ashe, chairman of Deacons, will have charge of Deacons.

SERMON

Finding our Place in God's Purpose Preacher, Our Pastor

COME TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK AND CONSECRATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH.

CALL TO BAND PRACTICE

A call to all who play or want to play a Band instrument. On Wednesday, November 29th, at 7:30 P.M. Mr. O. E. Ogden will meet with our band for practice. They plan to bring band music for our Christmas party. Make a special effort to be present.

WOMAN'S DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd is Woman's Day. Mrs. J. J. Farwell will be guest speaker.

Thanksgiving

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

—Henry Alford



As our Pilgrim Fathers paused after a summer of toil to give thanks for their feeling of security, shall we follow their example again this year.

Looking about their small community they saw fifty-five survivors of the difficult months through which they had passed. They saw in granaries what seemed to be sufficient food to tide them over until another harvest should come. They gave thanks to God for his guidance to this new land, and for the rain and the sun which had caused the crops to grow and the grain to ripen.

Americans today look out over a wide expanse of peaceful communities. Through the more than three hundred years since the first Thanksgiving Day, other difficulties have been encountered and surmounted. Survivors today are counted in the hundreds of millions. The storehouses of the nation are overflowing—literally—with the bounty of field and orchard. Enough and to spare!

"I thank Thee much for bread to live; I thank Thee more for bread to give."

Is the present-day danger that of selfishness and forgetfulness that we do not see hunger still lurking in our cities teeming with mounting populations? Do we close our eyes to the millions around the world who labor long in their fields, yet come to the end of the season with a crop so small they know hunger sits on their doorsteps? On that first Thanksgiving Day all shared. Chief Massasoit and ninety of his Indian braves joined in the feast.

God grant that men and women of the nation born out of a mighty struggle for survival shall not feel their obligation met as they kneel to give thanks on one day of the year. May they rise to work unceasingly that even the least shall not be hungry, that the bounty of the land shall be shared with the peoples of the world.



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S T E P

My Church deserves My Best
Stop and consider these facts.
How much is the privilege to
worship in my Church worth?
Our Forefathers brought the
Church with them, as they

braved the ocean wilderness and death, to **preserve their Freedom. Our Forefathers** refused to ratify the Constitution until the Bill of Rights guaranteed them the right to worship in their Churches. Our Soldiers have seen the tyranny that resulted when the **rights of Churches** were denied. The **Framers of the United Nations Charter** placed high in the declaration of Human Rights the right to worship. **Ask yourself.** How valuable is the right to worship? Then give as you love. If you love only a little, then give a little. If your heart is full of love, give as much as you can, consistent with your responsibility. Many tithe. Whether your pledge be small or large—give in love so both the gift and the giver may be blessed of **God.**

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Thompson, Edgewater Avenue, are proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Thompson is widely known in our congregation as LuAnn Bailey Thompson.

Dr. and Mrs. Russell W. Goebel have announced the birth of William Blaine Goebel. Dr. Goebel is a deacon in our Church. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

SYMPATHY

For 58 years Eugene M. Fitch has been a member of First Christian Church. He died suddenly Friday morning. Brother Fitch was a most faithful attendant at the worship services of the Church. The sympathy of the Church goes to his brother, Delmar C. Fitch, and his relatives.

Miss Clarissa Magner who has been confined to the hospital for a number of years passed away last Sunday. During the years she was very faithful to the Church. The sympathy of the Church is extended to her relatives.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater, Friday, December 1, at 7:30 P.M. Assistant hostesses: Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mrs. C. R. McMaken and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist. There will be a 25c Christmas Exchange.

GENERAL COUNCIL MARTHA CIRCLE

The Martha Circle of the Council is holding a "Paper Party" on November 28 at 7:30 P.M. at the Church. Council members are invited to come and bring their friends. This is a project of the Circle. Come, enjoy our fellowship and refreshments.

WEDDING BELLS

Rang out for Miss Ann McClain, daughter of Mrs. Kenneth Stickler, and Clarence F. Smith of Garrett, Indiana. May God bless this young couple and their home.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

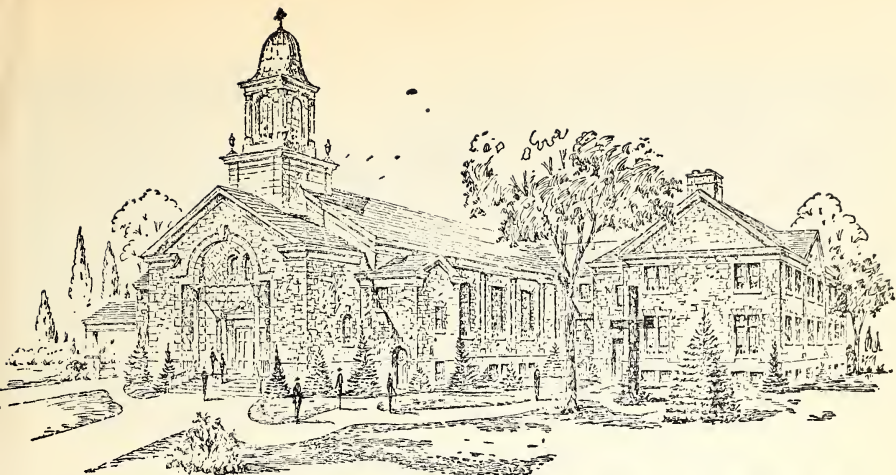
Wedding bells rang out for Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Hiler, 50 years ago on November 29th, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Hiler will celebrate their 50th Anniversary at their home, 2508 Miner Street on Sunday afternoon, **November 26th from 2 to 4 P.M.** Members and friends are cordially invited. Congratulations and best wishes.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Church School is holding open this offering through Sunday.

THIS YEAR WE ARE PLEDGING MORE—

SO OUR CHURCH CAN DO MORE



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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION

SUNDAY IS WOMAN'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

WOMAN'S DAY ADDRESS: "How Big Is Your Heart" Mrs. J. J. Farwell, Speaker

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

LADIES OF G.A.R. — WAYNE CIRCLE 45

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes for all ages. You are invited to attend the Class for your age group. Teachers and Officers are giving loyal and consecrated service. Be in Church School Sunday.

SNOW AND CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Due to the snow storm most of our people were prevented from coming to Church Sunday. **Consecration Sunday** is postponed to Sunday, December 11th.

C.Y.F. — 6:30

David A. Griggs is leader. Interesting programs are prepared and given by our young people. All Youth of the Church are invited to have a part in the Worship, fellowship and recreation at 6:30 Sunday evening.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 3—	Dr. A. C. Worley	Dale Parkerson
10—	F. Wayne Rousseau	Cecil Rice
17—	Preston Somers	Floyd Morrical
24—	W. C. Birkhold	C. E. Fuchshuber
31—	B. W. Leversee	Alan C. Bell

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Merland G. Heller, Captain, H-1430; Herbert C. Banet, Jesse W. Hufner, J. J. McCarel, Chester L. Follis, Donald E. Coffman, William E. Munro, Robert W. Ashe.



The Jarvis campus, showing school building, girls' dormitory, faculty residences, etc.

Jarvis Reports

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, reports to the brotherhood annually as a part of the service conducted through The United Christian Missionary Society. At the International Convention this year Jarvis was able to record rapid strides toward accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Two new courses were offered; the library has been improved and enlarged; new equipment added in the kitchen, home economics department, and science laboratories.

Redecorating, remodelling and renovating of the buildings was done and the campus beautified. The farm program was studied carefully and some changes made. Clinical equipment was installed in a new health center and the services of a doctor secured for the care of students and faculty, and for teaching classes in health. Last year enrollment was 310, and 44 were graduated.

The extensive study of the problems of Negro education was continued by Mr. Cleo Blackburn. This study will give direction to a broader field of service whereby the college will be concerned with health, housing and vocational training and opportunities of the community as well as academic education for the students.

Jarvis Christian College serves Negro young people of a wide area. It

is one of the two schools for Negroes supported by Disciples of Christ through the United Society. Other institutions include a school for Kentucky highlanders, and three social service centers.



The Philippine Church Grows

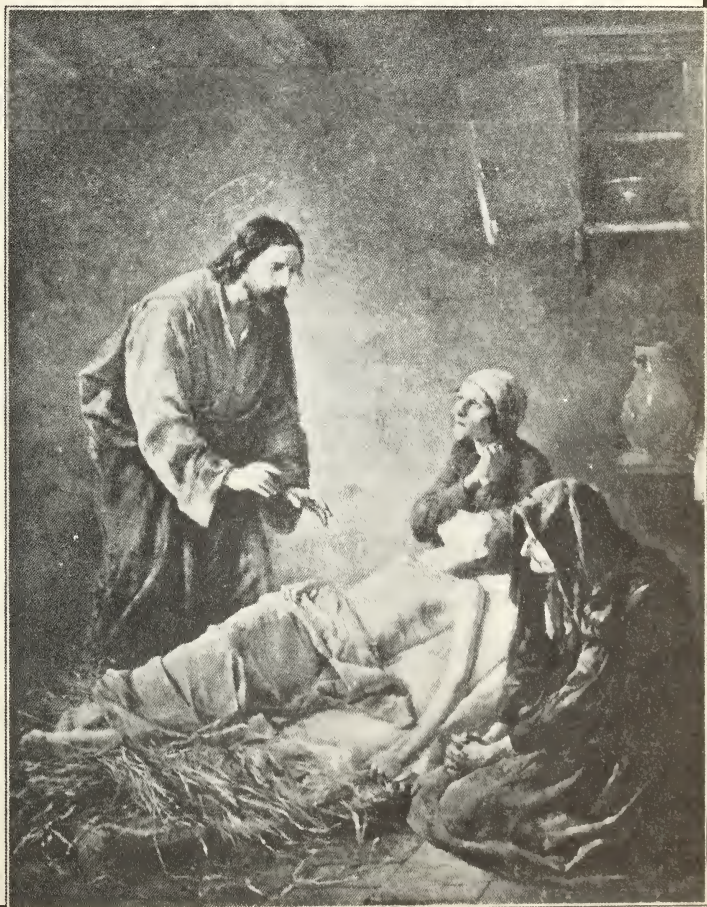
The Church in the Philippines has shown a remarkable evangelistic record in the years since the war. Among the churches of our Philippine Mission, membership had dropped to 4,500 by 1945, due to death and removal of members. It has now climbed to 7,275, with 912 baptisms reported during 1949. The number of churches was increased by 21 in the year.

Two great areas for expansion and development are to be found in the mountain provinces of Abra and Apayao. The Mission has organized a high school in each of these. The people are eager for education and are of usual sturdiness of character. They are willing to give long hours to cutting logs and building if they have the promise of aid in completing their schools and chapels.

The Philippine Mission looks to the American churches for adequate personnel and funds to help train national leaders, as well as continued assistance in the growing evangelistic program in the mountain provinces.

The healing of His seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch Him in life's Through and press,
And we are whole again.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER



OUR SYMPATHY

Word has come of the passing away of Mrs. Lewis at Martinsville, Indiana. She was the mother of Mrs. Lucille Bailey. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Bailey and her dear family.

WHY PLEDGE?

Why should I pledge financial support to the Church? For the same reason I pledge allegiance to the flag, or undying loyalty to my home and loved ones. The most precious things in life require a pledge. They are always asking, to what extent can you be counted on? As long as my mother lived, I made regular contribution to her support. She has gone the long way home, and that obligation is no longer mine. As long as the Church lives she will be costly to anyone who loves her.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, so also do ye. Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come." I Cor. 16:1-2.

—University Christian Church Visitor

GENERAL COUNCIL WOMAN'S DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd is Woman's Day. This year we are to have Mrs. J. J. Farwell as guest speaker. Let's welcome her with our presence at Morning Worship Service. The special offering is for our Women's work around the World. Please use your special envelope, or place your offering in the loose collection. This day will fall short of the best if YOU are not present.

MARTHA CIRCLE

The Martha Circle had to postpone their Paper Party because of the snow. This party will be held on Tuesday evening, December 5th at 7:30 at the Church. Women of the Church are invited to come and bring friends. This is a project of the Circle. Come, enjoy our fellowship and refreshments.

GENERAL COUNCIL — RUMMAGE SALE — DECEMBER 15-16

Mrs. Leo Miller will have charge of the Rummage Room on Friday, the 15th; Mrs. Bret Young will take charge on Saturday, the 16th. Please get your rummage together and either bring it to the Church or get it to the room on South Calhoun the evening before the Sale begins. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

The **MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs. M. G. Heller, 3224 Broadway, Wednesday, December 6 at **Noon** for a luncheon.

The **RUTH CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson St., on Tuesday, December 5th. Mrs. J. R. Coar will have devotions and Mrs. Etta Lomont will present the program. There will be a twenty-five cent gift exchange.

The **NAOMI CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Stickler, 1614 Crescent Ave., on Wednesday, December 6. Motion pictures of the Southland will be shown. This is to be Guest Day.

The **DORCAS CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, 5305 Plaza Drive on Thursday, December 7 at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Charles Pennington is assistant hostess. There will be a twenty-five cent gift exchange.

The **RACHEL CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington on Tuesday, December 5. Members are requested to invite guests. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will have devotions.

CHRISTMAS CARDS — ATTENTION, PRESIDENTS OF CIRCLES

Mrs. Roe would appreciate it if some one person in each group would be appointed to pick up the Christmas Cards for their entire group and be responsible for getting them to the meetings and collecting the money due on them. Mrs. Roe will have them packaged for each group. Please co-operate if at all possible. It is quite a job for one person. For further information contact Mrs. Roe. E-2675.

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GREAT CONSECRATION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

Large table at front of Church will display Emblems

Will be served by twelve Elders

Gifts and Lives will be consecrated at this Service

led by the Deacons of the Church

Those who come before 10 o'clock will receive Gold Crosses

Those after 10 o'clock White Crosses

(The Progressive Class is in charge of the presentation of Crosses)

Sunday School Classes will assemble at 9:30 A.M.

Will be seated in reserved sections in Sanctuary of Church when Classes are dismissed.

Every member of the Church should make a real effort to be present

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Duet: "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mr. Owen Vaught

Violin Solo

Mr. Gaston Bailhe

Anthem

By the Choir

SERMON

"You Have A Place In God's Purpose"

Preacher, Our Pastor

In a day when eight hundred million people are living where there are torture chambers—slave labor camps, sub-human standards of living, stilled Churches, broken families, when our boys are suffering and dying, can any one have an excuse for staying away from Church because of the weather.

MEN'S FORUM

Sunday 5:00 P.M.

Supper

"The Protestant Tradition"

Speaker: Rev. Luther J. Seng,

Nominating Committee Report . . . Secretary's Report

Supper Committee C through F

You will be out before Seven o'clock.

Gail Roe, President, presides.

Rolland Ripple, Song Leader

Be On Time . . . Fun — Inspiration — Fellowship

Religious Nurture

More than five million boys and girls attend vacation religious classes during summer vacations. The movement began in 1901 among Baptist churches of New York City. It has spread to every section of our country, and into most of the nations of the world through Christian missionaries.

Meeting for study, recreation and creative activities, boys and girls in vacation church schools receive the equivalent of more than six months Christian teaching in the regular Sunday morning sessions. Some schools, offering three weeks vacation school, give almost a year's teaching.

Among Christian churches nearly 2,000 vacation schools are reported

each summer. It is known that many more are conducted.

In the summer of 1951 the fiftieth anniversary of the movement will be celebrated. The study theme across the country will be on the heritage of the church. Special materials will help children to know their churches and to appreciate their contribution to the life of the community. Children will be guided into sharing in the work of the church.

The observance of the anniversary will also direct attention to the churches' responsibility for reaching unreached boys and girls, with more and better vacation church schools.



Miss Ward Goes To Jamaica

Miss Myrle Ward, formerly of the Congo Mission, has joined the Jamaica Mission. Her work will be at Christian College, our mission high school for rural young people. Miss Ward served in Jamaica before transferring to Congo in 1929.

The Jamaica Mission was opened in 1858 under the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. However, financial difficulties during the American Civil War caused it to be discontinued in 1868 for eight years. Again in 1876 missionaries were sent to Jamaica, this time from the Christian Woman's Board of Missions — their first venture in foreign missions.

Today in thirty organized churches, there is a membership of over 2,500 in the Jamaica Mission.



Miss Myrle Ward

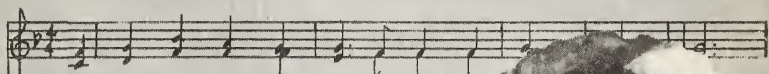
Delegates to the Convention of Jamaican churches, July 1950.



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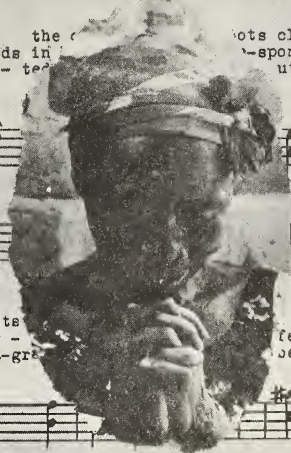


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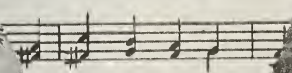
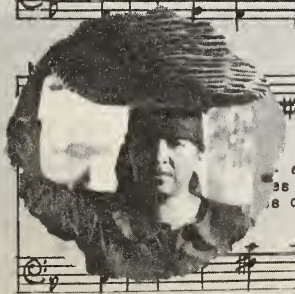
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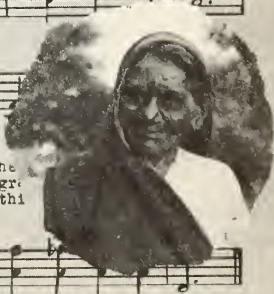
Each yield-ing to the cots clasp-ing 'neath the sod;
When bur-ied seeds in spond to sun and rain
In one u - ni - ted ut - ter self-less-ness,



When storm-y blasts - cy tem-pests grip,
Till har-vest gar - fel-low-ship in - deed
Up - lift-ing fra-gr sees their nec-tar sip:



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GENERAL COUNCIL

The Evening Guild will have a dinner meeting at Howard Johnson's Restaurant on Monday evening, December 11th at 6 P.M. Following the dinner, the Guild will meet at the home of Miss Ernie Owen, 1323 E. Pontiac Street for their program.

The Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. John Bowser, 3030 E. State St., on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Alan Bell will assist the hostess. There will be a 50 cent gift exchange.

RUMMAGE SALE

The General Council will have their rummage sale on December 15 and 16. Mrs. Leo Miller and Mrs. Bret Young will have charge of Friday and Saturday respectively. Please leave your rummage at the Church before Wednesday or take it directly to the room on South Calhoun Thursday evening or early Friday morning.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will hold their annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 16 at 7:30 P.M. There will be a 25 cent gift exchange.

U. S. ARMY

Don Miller left Wednesday for the Armed Service. Don Miller has been active in our Youth Program, in the LaKoda Class — the C.Y.F., on our basketball and softball teams and a member of our choir.

OUR PASTOR

A delegate from Associated Churches, our pastor attended the conference which formed the National Council of Churches of Christ in America in Cleveland this last week. 29 Communion's representing over 31 million members make up this Council.

Our pastor has been named a member of the Social Action Committee of the Indiana Council of Churches.

Two articles written by our pastor appear in the December number of the "Hearthstone."

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Ronald Dailey is a patient in Methodist Hospital, where he underwent surgery. He is doing well.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Coffman underwent surgery Tuesday.

OUR NEW FLAG

In a fitting ceremony, the Ladies of the G.A.R. Circle 45, presented the Church with a beautiful new Flag last Sunday morning. We wish to express to the ladies of this Circle our sincere thanks for this fine gift. It is greatly appreciated by members and officers of First Christian.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "THE BIG IDEA"

Preacher, Our Pastor

**DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WE MUST RECOGNIZE OUR DEBT TO
CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH**

No study of the meaning of democracy would be adequate without an emphasis on the Freedom of Worship. Yet today over 800,000 people in Asia and Europe have no such freedom. A number of countries in South America have a limited freedom of worship. This great experiment, this American plan, in 161 years has proven its wisdom. The question is, do you exercise that freedom. You can be supporting your church by your presence, your gifts, your service and your prayers.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M. .

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th at 7:15 P.M.

The Children's House will present a fine program. Each Department having a special feature. Children and teachers have worked hard and faithfully.

The Junior Robed Choir will sing.

The Band is planning to appear at this time.

Our great Magician, Marvin Crouse will bring the Magic of the Christmas Party.

Santa Claus will be coming, too.

Our Christmas offering will go to our Church Orphanages.

CHRISTMAS WEEK PROGRAM

Monday, Church School Christmas Party.

Sunday, December 24, Sunday School 9:30, Church 10:30.

Blessing of our Babies 11:30 A.M. Parents to have children at Church not later than 11:15 A.M.

Christmas Eve, Candlelight Service 7:00 P.M.

Our Choir will bring special music for the Service of Carols and Worship, in Candlelight.



Christian Business Men at Work in the Churches

A report of the Department of Men's Work in the United Society.

Requested by vote of the laymen's session of the International Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in 1944, the Department of Men's Work in the United Society has now completed five years of service. It was created to develop the manpower of our churches and to guide men into an increased share in the total work of the church.

Serving much like the church board in a local church, the National Laymen's Advisory Commission is not administrative but advises the department concerning policies and activities. This Committee is composed of

presidents of all state organizations of men in the churches, such as Laymen's Leagues, Ninety and Nine, etc. There are now thirty states with men's organizations, eleven of which engage a part-time or full-time secretary or director.

The growth of men's work in the churches is reaching such proportions as to place it in the top level of church planning. Improved leadership in local groups and increased interest on the part of ministers have been factors in this rising tide.



Missionary News

New Missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Dade sailed in November for Congo. He will aid especially in building and repairs.

Furloughs

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lord and son Timothy, born in September, arrived in November for furlough, from the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Liggett and two children, from Buenos Aires, Argentina, arrived for furlough in December.

Miss Margaret Stainton is home from Paraguay. She is a teacher in Colegio

Internacional and works with young people in the church in Asuncion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallum Shorrock, Jr. and small daughter, of the Japan Mission, are home for furlough.

All of these have just completed their first terms of service.

Returning to the Fields

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andress and son Robert sailed in November for Buenos Aires, Argentina, after furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Tillery also sailed in November for Congo, where two of their three children were born during their first term of service.



**"You shall call his
name Jesus"**

Introducing Mrs. Robert J. Voke

Mrs. Robert J. Voke, graduate of Jordan Conservatory of Music and Butler University, holds a Master's degree in music from that Institution. Mrs. Voke is now the director of the Adult Choir and of our Junior Church Choir.

Mr. Voke is a graduate of Purdue University and is an Electrical engineer at Magnavox. **Welcome.** We are also pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Voke into the membership of our Church.

OUR BUDGET PROGRAM

We are gratified with our great Communion Service and the loyalty and presence of our Elders and Deacons in the conduct of this service.

Many are raising their pledges. At the rear of the Church next Sunday there will be pledges and a container for those who were unable to be present last Sunday.

NOTES

The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne will present 30 minutes of Christmas music from the organ daily Monday through Friday these next two weeks over Radio station WANE from 4 to 4:30 P.M. Each day Miss Kathleen Detrick will be at the organ at the Crescent Avenue E. U. B. Church.

CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME

There is an interesting article in the December issue of the Ladies Home Journal regarding our Cleveland Christian Orphanage. It is illustrated and will give you an idea of our work there, with the children.

AMONG OUR FOLK

Walter C. Birkhold underwent surgery last week. We have good reports of his condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varner, 3425 Lillie St., are home recuperating from injuries and shock received in an automobile accident last week.

Mrs. Verl Pribble, 612 Lavina St., is quite ill at her home.

Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 2223 California, is recovering from an injury received in a fall.

We wish to express our sympathy to Kenneth G. Miller, 1445 E. Lewis St., in the recent loss of his father, Richard Miller. Mrs. Kenneth Miller is a faithful member of our church.

1951 CHURCH ENVELOPES

1951 Church Envelopes will be found on tables at the rear of the Sanctuary next Sunday morning and for the balance of this year. Please make a point of getting your box so that you will be provided with your envelopes the first Sunday in the new year. **PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY YOUR NAME ON THE BOX. IN MOST INSTANCES BOX NUMBERS CHANGE EACH YEAR. THEY WILL BE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.** If you have difficulty in locating your box, please speak to Mrs. Vaught, Church secretary.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the General Council will be on Tuesday evening, December 19. Executive at 7 P.M. Program at 8. The Program Committee is in charge. Rebecca Circle is in charge of Devotions; Esther Circle, Hospitality; Evening Guild, refreshments. This is the last meeting of the year, let us make it a fine one.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Though the glamor and tumult of our time disconsolate dim our hearing, though selfish reason chills our hearts and fear corrodes the metal of our better desires; in our best moments we cannot believe we are moulded of clay with destruction as our end. We dream of a world where there is justice and fellow-feeling, where love, not might, determine our destiny and the destiny of our children and our Church.

Chronologically, near the darkest day and in humanity's dark hour, Christmas comes again this year, revealing a Kingdom and an order above the prejudices and the evil intents of men. From Heaven comes not a cruel ultimatum, but a baby's cry. A mother's sigh ushers in the heavenly singers proclaiming in everlasting song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will among men."

Let Church bells ring! Let Christians sing! Ours is not the despair of the vanquished, ours is the courage, the power and the victory of the redeemed.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT TALMAGE BECK,
AND MARTHA JEANNETTE BECK.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "The Candle of The Lord and Christmas" Preacher: Our Pastor
Great singing of Christmas Carols last Sunday.

This Sunday you can join in this beautiful tradition.

Baptismal Service this Sunday.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING OUR BABIES

Children to be at church at 11:15 A.M.

Church School 9:30 A.M.

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Who are these that follow across the hills of night
A star that westward hurries along the fields of light?
*Three wise men from the east who myrrh and treasure
bring
To lay them at the feet of him, their Lord and Christ and
King.*
—GILDER

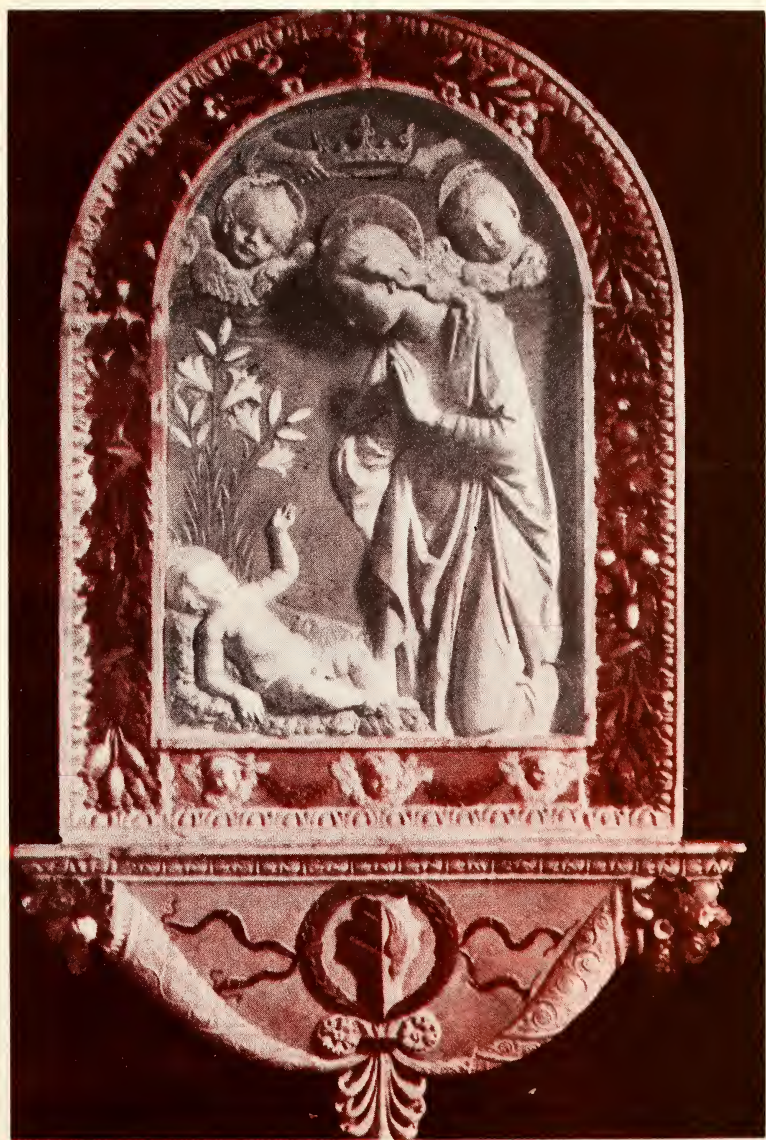
The off'rings of the Eastern kings of old
Unto our Lord were incense, myrrh and gold;
Incense because a God; gold as to a king;
And myrrh as to a dying man they bring.
Instead of incense (Blessed Lord) if we
Can send a sigh or fervent prayer to Thee;
Instead of myrrh if we can but provide
Tears that from penitential eyes do slide;
And though we have no gold, if for our part
We can present Thee with a broken heart
Thou wilt accept: and say those Eastern kings
Did not present Thee with more precious things.

—WANLEY

Around the world, two thousand years later, men seek gifts to lay at the feet of Christ. Acts of unselfish serv-



ice to others are the costly jewels we bring. In whole-hearted devotion to His commands, we worship Him with sweet incense. In penitence for our sins, we offer myrrh to the one who in His death brought eternal life—Christ, the Lord.



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Orchids to our Teachers and Officers

and praise and blessing for our children in their fine Christmas program.

To our Bandleader, Mr. Ogden and the members of the Band.

To Mr. Marvin Crouse who mystified everyone with his magic.

To Santa Claus who inspired our children.

Be in Sunday School this Sunday.

To the C.Y.F. who decorated the outside of our Church.

SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLE LIGHTING 7:00 PM.

This beautiful traditional service will prepare you to enjoy a Christian Christmas. Come everyone!

NOTES

Mr. Carl Smell, father of Mr. J. Frederic Smell, suffered a broken hip and is now in St. Joseph's Hospital where he underwent surgery. Mr. Smell is in room 267.

Mrs. Bret Young is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, on fourth floor. Our prayers and good wishes are made for Mrs. Young who has done so many splendid things for our Church.

WELCOME — ALL WHO ARE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Information reaching the office include these: Miss Virginia Dare, Miss Shirley Johnson, and Miss Dona Schrecongost, who are home for the Holidays.

CHRISTMAS CARDS — GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council books will close as of December 31st. It is important that we all settle for our Christmas Cards in time so that Mrs. Roe may have an opportunity to complete her records and get the money to Mrs. Flowers by the 28th. We wish to thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

OUR BUDGET PROGRAM

We are gratified with our great Communion Service and the loyalty and presence of our Elders and Deacons in the conduct of this service.

Many are raising their pledges. At the rear of the Church next Sunday there will be pledges and a container for those who were unable to be present last Sunday.

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BEGGAR OR KING

A beggar despairs when he loses a penny, but a king may lose riches and laugh. The one complains because nothing is left to satisfy his hunger; the other one still owns enormous wealth. Man without faith is a beggar, but man who has his religion is like a king. His world is not subject to change and not limited to the short cycle of a few years. He may laugh in the midst of scarcity. He may even see the boat of his life sinking and yet remain cheerful and firm.

—Augustine.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Church is extended to Cecil Kinzie in the sudden death of his sister.



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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

The threatening war clouds of a distressed world will not shadow but make more bright the light which the life of Christ brought into our world. Though strife and hatred, envy and greed, do their worst, the spirit of Jesus, our Lord, in the lives of growing multitudes is moving and glorifying life.

Real living is found not by increasing the distance between one's self and his humbler brother, but in lessening it, not in climbing to fashion's gaudy pinnacles, but in reaching to where the needy are.

As 1951 dawns, the truth that theological tenets have hidden for centuries is breaking through into every open heart. God sent His love not to a limited, elected group, but has made His love available to all.

With 1951 let us unite hearts and hands in love. This can accomplish what war, law, police, science or material conditions have been unable to achieve under God—a blessedness where man calls man his brother and loves as himself another.

May the New Year enrich your life with the peace of God.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT TALMAGE BECK,
AND MARTHA JEANNETTE BECK.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

Great Services on Christmas Sunday. Great music. Wonderful congregational singing. Devout, reverent spirit of worship. Our babies blessed, a fine family, father, mother and son, came forward to make theirs a Christian and a Church home.

Come New Year's Sunday — Worship in the House of God.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

This will be the last Sunday for our Church to be decked in the beauty of this Season's green. **Bring your children. That is the right way.**

A registered Nurse cares for our small children during Church Service in the Children's House.

More is needed for our offering to our Orphanages and Old People's Homes. If you failed to bring your offering last Sunday bring it this Sunday.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN JAPAN



Mr. and Mrs. Hallum C. Shorrock, Jr.

Is there a God? Why did our gods fail us? These were questions of young people of Japan immediately following the war. They were stunned and bewildered.

Since then they have seen much of want and hunger and sickness. Now they are concerned with more material needs. They are asking, How can we apply our faith to the miserable life in which we find ourselves?

Christian forces in Japan have sought to answer that question through Christian work camps, a part of the world-wide Ecumenical Work Camp program of the World Council of Churches. In the summer of 1949, Christian students and young people from Japan, China, Korea and America joined in three camps held on the main islands of Japan. Five major objectives were accomplished:

The workcampers learned to know and understand fellow Christians from nations which had been on opposite sides in the war.

The experience of worship and service together gave a new conception of what the local church or youth group might become.

Visits paid to nearby churches on weekends stimulated and inspired the young of those churches.

Other young people, seeing these Christians doing heavy manual labor to make life easier for others, were challenged to inquire concerning their faith.

The work camps brought first hand experience of the life of the working people of Japan and an introduction to social problems so that a new concept of the missions of the church was created.

It was under the guidance of Hal Shorrock, who went to Japan in 1947 as a missionary for Disciples of Christ, that these camps were held. His service has been almost wholly for young people.

Since June, 1949, Mr. Shorrock has served as foreign secretary of the new Youth Commission of the National Christian Council of Japan. Its function is to co-relate youth and student programs of the many missions, the YMCA, YWCA, and other Christian organizations serving in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorrock and their small daughter are home for furlough this year. He will do graduate work in Yale University to better prepare himself for work in Japan when they return.



"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

A project to unite the world through its children is being sponsored by the Committee on World Friendship among Children of Church World Service.

On October 4, a "Friendship Chest" was flown from New York, bearing gifts for boys and girls in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Geneva, Rome, Cairo, Athens, and Bombay. In return will come presents for their new friends in San Francisco, St. Louis, Dayton, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Trenton, and New York.

A round-robin book was enclosed with the gifts, in which they will put their messages and pictures from each group.



Ring Out, Wild Bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—*Alfred Tennyson*

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A CALL TO PRAY FOR PEACE DECEMBER 31st, 6 P.M. to JANUARY 1st, 6 P.M.

"What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?" These words of Jesus apply today.

The President of the United States, the National Council of Churches have issued a call to pray for Peace.

All Churches in Fort Wayne will have 24 hour Vigil beginning Sunday, 6 p.m. to New Year's Day 6 p.m. Please let us know what hour you can come.

This Prayer Vigil will be in charge of our Elders. Our Elders, including those elected for 1951, are Alan Bell, Chairman, Cecil Rice, F. E. Morrical, Charles Fuchshuber, B. W. Leversee, Owen Vaught, Hugh Rice, Robert Clipp and Jos. M. Fitch, W. C. Birkhold, J. Z. Berlien, Dr. A. C. Worley, Dale Parkerson, P. H. Somers, F. Wayne Rousseau and Glenn R. Miller. While our men are fighting, suffering and dying in Korea, surely no one can refuse the inconvenience of coming to Church at 2, 3, or 4 A.M. We believe in prayer and in the promises of Christ. Face this New Year as praying Americans.

The Church bells will ring every hour on the hour.

SERVICE OF BLESSING

The following were in the Service of Blessing our children last Sunday: Pamela Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stafford; Karen Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Varner; Jean Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Miller; Stephen John and Fred Albert, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig.

OFFICIAL BOARD — ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Official Board will meet for a few minutes following the Morning Worship Service next Sunday to **elect officers for 1951**. Please retire to the Church Parlor immediately following the Services.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AT THE END OF 1950

The errors one made this last year can absorb his thoughts and hamper all future efforts. The errors one has made this last year can be **teachers of new and better ways**.

The Church still stands for all that is good and Christ-like. In proportion as one fulfills the will of Christ he makes the Church stronger.

For 79 years our church has not missed observing the celebration of the Lord's Supper each Sunday. **If the Church depended on me would this record hold?**

This week our pastor was called by an attorney with the information that one of our good members is making the Church a **beneficiary in his will**. **Have I made my will and included the Church for which Christ gave His life?**

Did I realize that **15% of what I give to the Church in my pledge goes to the world work of the church, the orphans, the widows, the old preachers, the hospitals the schools, the preaching of the Gospel around the world.**

How many have I spoken to this year about becoming a part of our Church.

Do I practice and find the joy of daily prayer and Bible reading?

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This is your last Sunday to take credit on Income Tax bring your pledges to date.



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FIRST SUNDAY IN 1951

12 Weeks to Easter

Jesus said, "Try My words and you will know whether or not they are of God."

ACCEPT JESUS' CHALLENGE FOR THESE 12 WEEKS

COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY "If you love Me you will keep my commandments," said Jesus. "Let not your heart be troubled." Spend one hour relaxed in Church. Sing the great hymns. If you don't sing, follow through with the words as you listen to others. Reverently and penitently and confidently partake of the Lord's Supper. Meditate on the Scripture lesson and the Sermon.

REPEAT THE HOUR OF WORSHIP each Sunday of the 12 weeks

BRING YOUR PROBLEMS TO CHURCH and leave them there.

EACH DAY begin with prayer. Quiet down even if you are rushed, for five minutes, read a passage from the New Testament. Pull your mind and heart together in prayer. Close the Day with prayer from now to Easter.

YOU WILL DISCOVER new life and power and will feel like a different person.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "The Strong Box"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

newly elected officers will be installed this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The new lessons for 1951 begin this Sunday. Start with the New Year and follow through with the lessons.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

The young people are invited to attend these Sunday Evening services.

Reception For Old and New Board Members, Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 7:30 P.M.
—with short program and business.

A CHURCH AT WORK

The kindergarten conducted as a part of the service of the Mexican Christian Church at McAllen, Texas, reports an enrollment of 58 small boys and girls this year. Mrs. F. F. Davila, wife of the pastor, is in charge.

Public school authorities speak highly of the work of this kindergarten. It brings in pre-school children from the homes of the Mexican community and prepares them for first grade work in a way that is most acceptable. Sixteen were graduated last year.

The kindergarten also gives opportunity to aid the mothers of the children. In one month, Mrs. Davila visited in 19 of the homes. Mothers were especially invited to the parties given on Hallowe'en and at Christmas, and they attended. Christian songs and stories and worship are a regular part of the day's program.

The church at McAllen represents one service of the home missions work of the brotherhood. Assistance in the support of the pastor is given from offerings of churches, church schools, other organizations, and individuals from across our land.

In addition to this church at McAllen, three others for Mexican-Americans receive assistance — Corpus Christi, Robstown and San Benito.

PRAYER

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Unuttered or express'd,
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant's lip can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

O thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray.

—James Montgomery



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE REPORTS

Many areas of the world have been aided by the tons of food and clothing distributed by Church World Service through the last several years. This organization for relief and reconstruction is an arm of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

The total amount of clothing, shoes and bedding sent so far this year is estimated at 1,984,770 pounds. Food and vitamins are estimated at 7,701,784 pounds. The total combined value is approximately \$3,050,290.

Kindergarten children on McAllen playground





***Our Church proclaims God's love and care
To all who work and worship there.***

—Mabel Niedermeyer

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24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE

Starting with a service led by our Young people in which Don Miller, recently inducted into the service, had part, and ending with a Communion service between five and six o'clock New Years' evening. Our **ELDERS** gave splendid leadership. Someone was keeping vigil all of the 24 hours. 15% of our membership were in attendance during the 24 hours.

This was a splendid way to begin the year of 1951. As we continue to pray for peace our hearts will reach out to those of our people who are in the service of their Country.

APPRECIATION

Our pastor and his family's Christmas and New Year's joys were made to over-flow with the cards, messages and remembrances from our people. They wish everyone to know that the flood of greetings were all read and appreciated deeply.

REBECCA CIRCLE

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Koontz, 729 Woodview on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. George Bruckman is assistant hostess.

ESTHER CIRCLE

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Albert Egly for a supper meeting Monday evening, January 8, at 6:30.

THE CHURCH CHOIRS

The **Children's Choir** will meet for rehearsal on Thursday evening at 6:45 P.M. at the Church. The **Adult Choir** will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 P.M. at the Church. An invitation is extended to all who wish to sing to be present at rehearsals on Thursday evenings.

NOTES

Among those attending Service last Sunday were two of our fine young men, Richard Renbarger and Donald Miller, who are serving their Country. Mr. John Freed, Reserve Officer, has left for the West Coast. He has been called to serve his country.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Robert C. Jones, 1018½ College has been ill in the St. Joseph's Hospital. He has returned to his home.

Mrs. Bret Young is still a patient in Lutheran Hospital. She is improving. Mr. W. C. Birkhold is convalescing at his home.

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THANKS

Our leaders in our fourteen Weeks of Devotion have done a great service to their Church. The spiritual life of our Church is very high and when the final tabulations are made, our Church will show a wonderful year of consecration and service in 1950.

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ACCEPT JESUS' CHALLENGE

Jesus said, "Try My words and you will know whether or not they are of God."

There are strains and stresses in these days. Sometimes the tempo seems more than we can take.

10,080 Minutes in Every Week. Are you giving them to feverish living? "Come Unto Me," says Jesus, "And ye shall find rest unto your Soul."

COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY. Spend 90 minutes of the 10-080 in Worship, prayer and meditation and praise. Fill your heart with love or the Church. Fellowship with Christ and your fellow-Christians as you partake of the Lord's Supper. Open your mind to God.

REPEAT THIS EACH SUNDAY THROUGH EASTER.

Each Day begin with a prayer. Have a quiet place in your heart before the rush of the day. Keep it there throughout the day.

You will discover increasing strength, patience and wisdom. **You will feel** like a different person.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "Standing In The Way of God"

Preacher, Our Pastor

Large, attentive and reverent Congregation last Sunday. Remember you may park your car at Rogers Drive-In.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

James Shockney taught the Men's Class last Sunday. Fine new series of lessons. These and the discussions will help you. Be in Sunday School this Sunday.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

All young people are invited to these evenings of fellowship and worship.

IF I GIVE

If one gives joyfully, he invokes praise. If one gives sacrificially, he wins admiration. Your Church calls to your heart. She asks for your service and your loyalty. She has the right to ask it. Help her to do for others what she has done for you. Keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

Let your love be reflected in the regularity of your financial support and in the sacrifice of your giving.

Report of United Society Given to the Churches

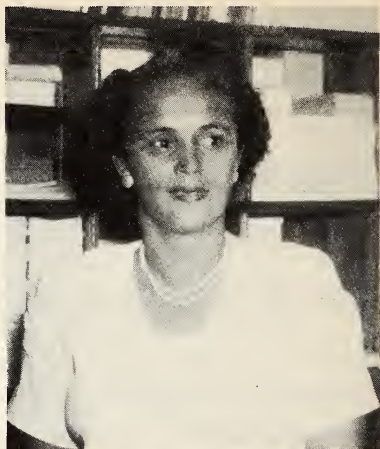
Each of the more than 7,500 members of the churches, registered for the International Convention in Oklahoma City in October, received a copy of the program book. This contained, with other annual reports, that of the United Society.

The annual report of The United Christian Missionary Society includes a detailed account of receipts and expenditures for the missionary year which closed June 30, 1950, and an account of work done in the fields of home missions, foreign missions, Christian education, and men's work. According to the regulations of the Convention, it was approved in the general assembly, after it had been carefully considered, section by section, in the Committee on Recommendations.

This Committee is made up of representatives from each state or area, elected by their respective conventions. The number of members is based on church membership in the area, and no state has less than three or more than nine. The total committee membership is between 190 and 200. In daily meetings during the Convention, it scrutinizes carefully the reports of cooperating organizations.

Every person attending the Convention has opportunity to vote in the general sessions as the findings of the Committee on Recommendations are presented.

Thus at the close of each missionary year, The United Christian Missionary Society gives an accounting to its members in the churches across the brotherhood of receipts and expenditures; it presents reports from the foreign fields, home missions, and Christian education; and it points up areas where the need is greatest for increased service.



Miss Gladys Harrison

Leader in Christian Education

The churches of the Jamaica Mission, through the Association of Christian Churches, have added to their staff Miss Gladys Harrison as director of Christian education. She comes from a family long influential in the Mission, and has already been giving much time to the work of the churches.

Miss Harrison studied at Drake University and took her Master's Degree at Columbia University. For several years she has been teaching in the public schools of the Island.

One service to be extended is that of Christian College. Students last year were from eleven of the churches. It is hoped to interest more of the 31 churches in sending their young people so that they may be trained in Christian leadership.

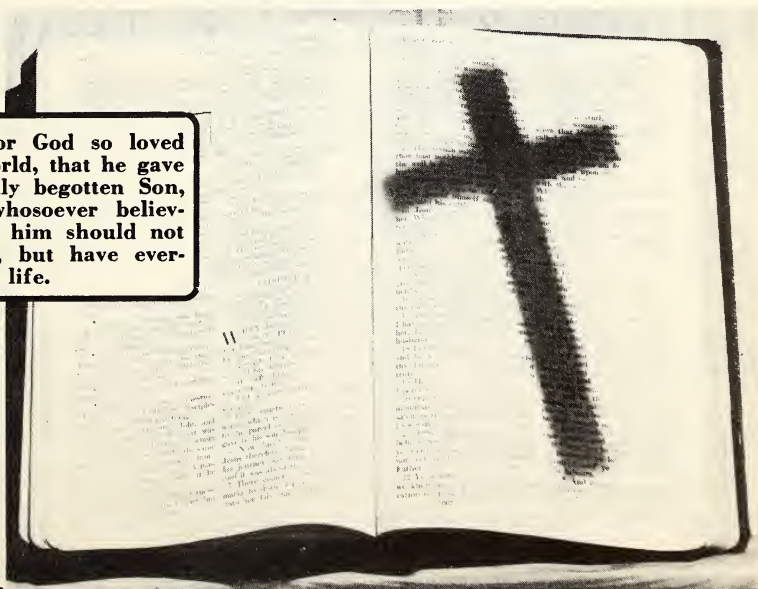
After it is approved by the Convention, this report is printed in the Year Book of the churches. Special leaflets, distributed without charge, go to at least 25,000 members each year. The pages of this bulletin, a source of continuous reports of the work, are read by an average of 75,000 persons, week by week.

The Word of God

*Within this ample volume lies
The mystery of mysteries.
Happiest they of human race
To whom their God has given grace
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,
To lift the latch, to force the way;
But better had they ne'er been born
That read to doubt or read to scorn.*

—SIR WALTER SCOTT

16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



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MEN'S FORUM — Sunday, January 21st, 5:00 P.M.

Word has been received that the head of the Brotherhood Men's work, Dr. William McKinney, will be our guest. This will be Founder's Day and Past-President's Night.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING JANUARY 26TH — 6:30 P.M.

GENERAL

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The General Executive will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 P.M. The first regular meeting will be at 2:15 P.M. This is a "FIRST BIRTHDAY" meeting of the new Circles. They have been given names of Missionaries who are serving or have served our Brotherhood. The Circles are: The Paul C. Kepple Circle, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, President; The Mrs. Charles T. Paul Circle, Mrs. Charles Dare, President; The Mrs. Donald McGavran Circle, Mrs. Irene Cline, President; The Miss Bertha Claussen Circle, Mrs. Fred Wilson, President; The Dr. Royal C. Dye Circle, Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, President. The new Evening Circle is the Dr. E. K. Higdon Circle, Mrs. Paul Whitton, President.

At our meeting next Tuesday, we should like to see a 100 per cent attendance of the Day Time Circles. Each Circle will sit together at this meeting. The Program Committee has prepared an interesting program for that day.

NEW OFFICIAL BOARD OFFICERS

Trustees, Mr. H. W. Sigrist and Mr. Clay Orchard; **Elders**, Owen O. Vaught, Hugh D. Rice, Robert E. Clipp, Joseph M. Fitch; **Deacons**, J. L. Brubaker, E. T. Fusselman, Cecil Kinzie, W. H. Imbody, J. E. Tracey, I. L. Denton, Robt. D. Koontz, John S. Craig, E. G. Rose, Geo. R. Bruckman, E. R. Baker; **Deaconesses**, Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter. **Treasurer**, Glenn R. Miller; **Financial Secretary**, Sherman G. Myers; **Assistant Financial Secretaries**, James R. Shockney, Edgar R. Laden, Francis W. Edgerton, Charles R. Chambers. **Church School Superintendents**, Dale Parkerson, Alan C. Bell, B. W. Leversee. **Church Clerk**, Mrs. Owen Vaught. **Chairman Official Board**, Mr. Cecil Rice, **Vice-Chairman**, Henry M. Flowers, **Chairman Elder Board**, Alan C. Bell, **Chairman Deacons Board**, Rolland R. Ripple, **Chairman Deaconesses**, Mrs. David Hogg. **Vice-Chairman of Deacons**, Donald E. Coffman.

NEW CLASS OFFICERS

Come Double Class, President, John S. Craig; Vice-President, D. E. Coffman; Secretary, Mrs. Myron Cole; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson. Harry Neuert, Teacher.

Progressive Class, President, Ralph H. Reynolds; Vice-President, Dudley Planton; Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Whitton. Mr. Hugh D. Rice, Teacher.

Friendly Class, President, Mrs. Irene Kissinger; Vice-President, Mrs. Joseph Siples; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Egly; Secretary, Mrs. Eva Mosier. Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Teacher.

The Women's Bible Class, Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, President; Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Vice-President; Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Flora Virts, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Teacher; Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Assistant Teacher.

THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES, TUESDAY EVENINGS

JANUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 20

Six courses for all church workers to be held at the First Methodist Church. Registration fee is \$1.75.

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Last Sunday was icy—but a fine congregation was in Church for worship and Communion.

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Come to Church this Sunday. 90 minutes spent in prayer—in meditation. Fill your heart with Christian love. Open your mind to God—Surrender your will to God's.

Repeat This Each Sunday Through Easter.

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You will discover increasing strength, peace, joy, and wisdom. You will feel like a different person.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Putting Life Together

Preacher: Our Pastor

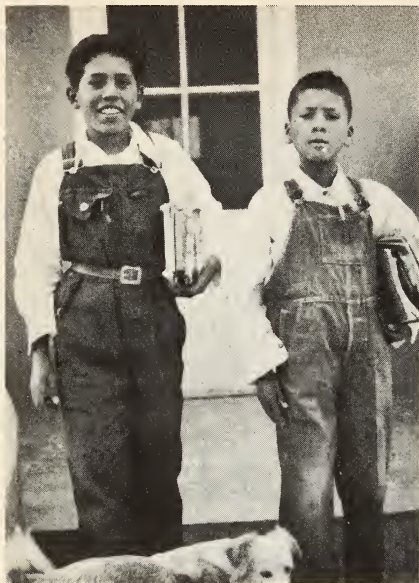
Elders and Ushers will greet you in friendliness. The service will help you by its reverent atmosphere.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

James Shockney is the new Teacher for The Men's Class. Robert J. Voke is the new teacher in the Children's House. Mr. Voke has had a fine experience with boys in Scout work.

C.Y.F. 6:30

Planning Conference and Fellowship.



Moises Romo, 14 years old, and Gonzalo Esparza, 10 years old, from the churches at Palmillas and Cosio are first in the rural center of the Mexico Mission.

Mexico Opens A Rural Center

Two boys were on hand well ahead of the opening of Mountain of Light Farm, "Granja Huentepec," the new rural center of our Mexico Mission. They had come from two of our village churches to attend school in nearby Pabellon and to take advantage of the training offered by the mission.

In the villages, the Federal schools offer three or four grades. In Pabellon they may go through the sixth grade. Missionaries will then continue their education in classes at the center.

Along with formal education, the boys will be taught better methods of agriculture, farm mechanics, animal husbandry, poultry raising, etc. Missionaries will also teach courses in Bible and in Christian living.

The program which Miss Hallie Strange has begun for girls in her home next door will be enlarged to

Aid To Student Work

Christian training for students in state universities and colleges, such as they had in primary, junior, intermediate and young people's classes in their own home churches—this is the aim of the Student Work program of the Department of Religious Education of the United Society. This program is under the direction of Mr. Parker Rossman.

In recent years it has been a practice of the Department to enlist the services of one of the officers of the Disciples Student Fellowship to visit student centers. This year it is Laurence Kirkpatrick, a student in Phillips University and president of the DSF Ecclesia, who is chosen.

As a member of our first Overseas Caravan Team, Mr. Kirkpatrick spent the summer of 1949 in Europe working first with our churches in Great Britain and then visiting CIMADE, Protestant youth relief organization of France. He had also been a member of one of the Caravan teams in the United States, a service of Christian youth to the churches.

As Mr. Kirkpatrick visits student groups, he will share with them some of his experiences with Christian young people of Europe, and bring some of their problems in which other youth can share.

Mr. Kirkpatrick has been active in the work of the church since junior high and CYF days in Chickasha, Oklahoma, and has held positions of leadership in the state CYF and also in the United Christian Youth Movement.

include some of the activities of the Center.

Thus it is proposed to prepare boys and girls from the rural areas to serve as village pastors, and as good lay members and leaders of the churches.



***"I say to you, Love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you."***

MEN'S FORUM

PAST PRESIDENTS NIGHT — SUNDAY 5:00 P.M.

Double Header

Hon. Alex M. Campbell — First President Will Speak

Dr. William McKinney, head of our National Brotherhood Program, guest speaker.

Mr. O. E. Ogden with his Saxophone Sextette.

Rolland Ripple with music you love to sing.

Out by 7:00 P.M.

New President, **Robert D. Koontz**, installed. Gavel turned over by **Gail Roe**.

Notify Secretary **Geo. Bruckman**—or office—at once for reservations.

CHURCH ENLARGEMENT PROGRAM

Begins with January — Ask yourself this question

Do you want them? — Can we find them?

Then in unison answer

Let's get them! Let's Win Them! Let's Keep Them!

Use the United States Mail Ring Doorbells Use Your Car Use the Telephone

We'll see our Church enlarged.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING 6:00 P.M.

Reports from all groups in our Church. Fine Fellowship. Total view of our Church's accomplishments.

LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

Make arrangements now to be present.

The Annual Church meeting takes the form of a Carry-in-Dinner. Coffee and rolls will be furnished. **BRING YOUR TABLE SERVICE.** This meeting is for all families in the Church. Organizations and groups to be represented by as many Officers and members possible.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Charles B. Whitman has undergone surgery. **Mrs. Ella Diss**

Mrs. Bret Young remains in Methodist Hospital.

Mr. F. W. Edgerton has returned to his home.

Mrs. George C. Robinson has been ill at her home, 2619 Kensington.

Mrs. E. C. Schiller is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, for surgery.

THE CHOIR

The Choir has been preparing the music for our Sunday morning Church Services. We are hoping and working towards a better choir. You can help us. Come join us every Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. The Choir is directed by **Mrs. Robert J. Voke**.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

February 9 is the Day set aside for World Day of Prayer, sponsored in Fort Wayne by the Associated Churches and the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women. The meeting will be held at the St. John's Reformed and Evangelical Church, Corner Washington and Webster Sts., at 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

BAND PRACTICE WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Band Committee consists of **Henry Flowers**, **James Shockney**, **Glenn Miller** and **Pastor Robert Beck**. **O. E. Ogden** is the leader. Musicians are invited to come.

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ACCEPT JESUS' CHALLENGE

Jesus said, "Try My words and you will know whether or not they are of God."

JESUS' INVITATION TO YOU

To The Communion Table

Listen, "Given for you," "Shed for you," Our obligation is plain. To ignore this invitation is a sin of omission.

Neglect not this Holy Invitation

Come to Church this Sunday. 90 minutes spent in prayer—in meditation. Fill your heart with Christian love. Open your mind to God—Surrender your will to God's.

Repeat This Each Sunday Through Easter.

Each Day begin with a prayer. Read a Scripture portion. Have a quiet place in your heart as you begin the day. Keep it through the day.

You will discover increasing strength, peace, joy, and wisdom. You will feel like a different person.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music

Soloists: Mrs. Jerry Brubaker, Miss Donna Leversee, Mr. Robert L. Fahl and Mr. Harry Griggs.

SERMON: Your Life Can Change History

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Candy sent to the Cleveland Home by Junior and Intermediate Departments were received by the children of that Home. There was some for every child. According to the letter everyone was quite pleased and all thanked our boys and girls.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Planning conference continued with David Griggs and Pastor assisting.

WANT THEM — FIND THEM — WIN THEM — KEEP THEM

Toward A Christian Nation

The vital service of the churches of America in home and state missions was the subject of study and discussion, December 5-7, as 150 men and women of the Christian churches met together in St. Louis. These were members of the Home and State Missions Planning Council, in its biennial meeting. They were lay workers and pastors of local churches, area and provincial secretaries, state board members, college and seminary heads, and national agency representatives.

Committee reports were heard to show accomplishments since the last meeting, and plans were outlined for long-range projects for the next ten years.

Two new committees were appointed on stewardship and urban work. Other standing committees are Christian Service, Effective Ministry, Local Church Life, Missionary Policy and Strategy, Town and Country Church, and Evangelism.

Officers of the Council are Forrest L. Richeson, pastor, Portland Avenue

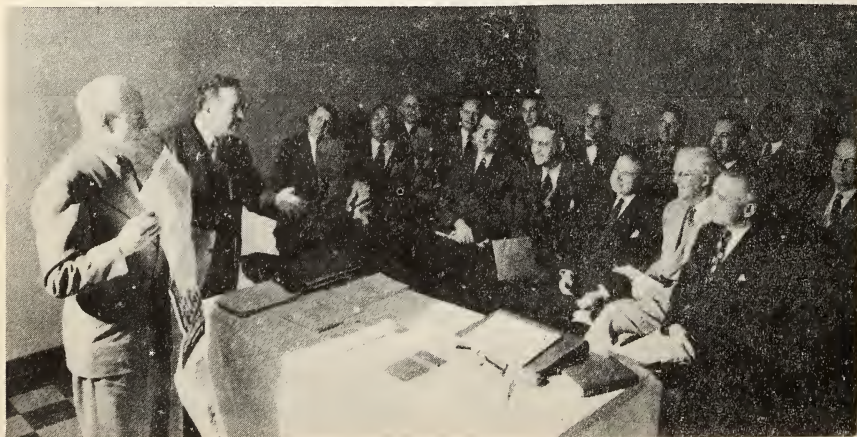
Making Life Worth While

May every soul that touches mine—
Be it the slightest contact—
Get therefrom some good;
Some little grace; one kindly thought;
One aspiration yet unfelt;
One bit of courage
For the darkening sky;
One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life;
One glimpse of brighter skies
Beyond the gathering mists—
To make this life worth while
And heaven a surer heritage.

—George Eliot

Christian Church, Minneapolis, chairman; Lowell C. Bryant, pastor, First Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebr., vice chairman; Loren E. Lair, state secretary of Iowa, treasurer; Kenneth A. Kuntz, pastor, First Christian Church, Hannibal, Mo., recording secretary; Willard M. Wickizer, chairman of the Division of Home Missions in The United Christian Missionary Society, administrative secretary.

T. R. Leen, second from left, national director of evangelism in the United Society, exhibits materials on the evangelism project for 1951, "Thy Kingdom Come," in one of the committees at Home and State Missions Planning Council meeting.





"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature."

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FEBRUARY 4th YOUTH SUNDAY

YEARLY MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th, — 6:15 P.M.

Reports from all departments — Special Music by Mrs. Robert Voke.
 Movie Talkies for Our Children

Bring Covered Dish and Table Service

CHURCH ENLARGEMENT PROGRAM

This Sunday cultivate visitors and the following week cultivate visitors who have been to our Church. Help make real "Thy Kingdom Come!"

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kinzie and Mrs. Kinzie's mother are spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. Herman W. Sigrist is taking a trip to South America and reports a good flight to New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard have moved into their new home on the Lincoln Highway.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. W. W. Bundy, 2605 So. Lafayette St., Friday evening, February 2, at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Lillian Gagnon will assist the hostess.

NEW CO-CHAIRMAN COUPLES FOR 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe, Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koontz, Mr. and Mrs. John Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Eurol Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wise.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Bret Young at Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Ella Diss at Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. E. C. Schiller at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Charles B. Whitman is at Methodist Hospital. Others among our sick are Mr. Guy Drewett, Mrs. Verl Pribble, Mrs. Geo. C. Robinson, Mrs. F. W. Edgerton.

A HUMOROUS STEWARDSHIP DITTY

Once there was a Christian
 He had a pious look,
 His consecration was complete
 Except his pocketbook.
 He'd put a nickle on the plate
 And then, with might and main,
 He'd sing: "When we asunder part
 It gives us inward pain."

We know our members are not in this category of givers, but we would like to remind those who have not made a pledge to the Church this year, contact the office at their earliest convenience. —Clipped

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Jesus said, "Try My words and you will know whether or not they are of God."

A PRIORITY TO GOD

Jesus' words are plain here. The first Commandment: "Love God." "If ye love me you will keep my commandments."

"As oft as ye come together." What about the Lord's Day. Ask yourself, "Am I an off and on Church goer? I go when I feel like it." Once a month in winter? Not often in Summer? On special Days? "Am I a faithful Church attendee, I go rain or shine, hot or cold, summer or winter, because I love my Saviour, Jesus Christ?"

Examine your heart! Reflect on your confession and your baptism. Don't bring harm to yourself and hurt to those who look up to you. Be glad when you hear "Let us go into the House of the Lord." **Come Sunday.**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15
Sermon: "Getting Even"

Special Music
Preacher: Our Pastor

SUMMONS FOR LENT

Make a perfect attendance through Easter.

Special Merit Recognition

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Looking toward our new Church a program of improvement using films and recordings will be held for 5 evenings. Next meeting will be Friday 7:00 P.M. February 9th. Don't miss this.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Royal C. Dye group will meet with Mrs. Eural Rose, 321 N. Cornell Circle, on Wednesday, February 7, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. J. C. Koegel will give the devotions and Mrs. C. F. Durfee will present the program. Her subject, "Africa."

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 4017 Fairfield Ave., Tuesday, February 6, at 2:00 P.M.

5,000,000 Christian Youth

Youth of the nation — 5,000,000 strong — join in the observance of Youth Week, January 28-February 4. This is one of the largest church events in North America.

The forces of forty Protestant denominations, 35 state councils of churches and youth councils, and the International Society of Christian Endeavor join with such groups as the Y.M.C.A., Y. W. C. A., Boy and Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire Girls.

"Youth Week is a period of purposeful and objective planning and action carried out through a forceful demonstration of Christianity, a re-emphasizing of Christian unity, an evangelistic outreach, and the presentation of the spirit of Christian young people."

This is the purpose of the observance as expressed by Mr. Dennis Savage, associate executive secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement which sponsors the observance.



Vacation Service

In India, young people home from school and college in the summer vacation serve in their home churches in a variety of ways. They teach classes in the Sunday school, conduct vacation church schools, and help in summer conferences. The faculty of the conference for village young people of the Takhatpur area (*below*) last summer was made up entirely of college students and teachers, home for vacation.



Christ Calls to Youth

"SERVE IN FAITH"



The Bertha Claussen Circle will meet with Mrs. Martha Gaunt, 3228 S. Webster St. on Thursday, February 8, at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Siples will give the devotions and Miss Ruth Joder will present the program. Her topic will be "Africa."

The Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet, 4206 Forest Hill, on Wednesday, February 7th.

The Mrs. Chas. T. Paul circle will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Aven., on Wednesday, February 7. Mrs. Kenneth Stickler will give devotions.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. Thomas Hagar, 1309 St. Marys Ave., is ill. Mrs. Chas. B. Whitman is still in the hospital. Mrs. E. C. Schiller has undergone surgery this week. Mrs. Ella Diss remains seriously ill at the Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. F. W. Edgerton is ill at her home.

MEMORIALS

Mr. Bird Null, New Haven, Indiana, gave \$10.00 to the new Church Building Fund as a memorial for Miss Clarissa Magner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mees and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Millermaier gave \$10.00 for the New Church Building as a memorial to Mabel Young, (Mrs. Bret Young).

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Church is extended to Mr. Bret Young in the loss of his wife by death. Mrs. Young was active in the Church and had a large circle of friends in the Church. She will be greatly missed.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

February 4—Robert E. Clipp, Cecil Rice
 February 11—Alan C. Bell, Owen O. Vaught
 February 18—Floyd E. Morrical, Charless Fuchshuber
 February 25—Dale Parkerson, Glenn R. Miller

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Earl T. Fusselman, Captain, A-56922; Wm. H. Crouse, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Don J. Eyer, Robert Koontz, Eppie R. Baker, William E. Munro, Geo. R. Bruckman.

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COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Spend 90 Minutes in Church. Open your heart to God.

Read the Bible each day and pray. Keep on repeating this until Easter.

W H A T ? — NO FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY?

Your pew, is it empty? Why? If people are not in them, is it because they do not realize **everything** comes from God **God is their Creator and Redeemer.** What an obligation and a privilege to return to God a part of what they have received. This is true of **time** as well as money. We must give God **time** in our lives. We give God **time** through **regular attendance** at our Lord's Supper and in **worship and meditation** in Church, through prayer life and scripture reading in our home. **Christians** need to get hold of this idea of stewardship. Then Church attendance is natural. "I was glad when they said, let us go into the House of the Lord."

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Special Music

Sermon: "How To Face the Inevitable."

Preacher: Our Pastor

SUMMONS FOR LENT — 7 Glorious Sundays Ahead.

Begin this Sunday—Receive a special merit of Recognition for 7 Sundays Church Attendance.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Friday, 9th, Thursday, 15th, Class for efficient Church and Teaching procedure—
You are invited to come.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

New program under way—Fine time at Miss Donna Leversee's home last Sunday.



"BELIEVING that God's power is my strength, because of my faith in Jesus Christ, I join with other youth in a united effort to demonstrate the significance and the power of the Christian fellowship.

"For us there is no alternative but to serve God in every moment of our lives, to treat all men as brothers, to work toward the day when suffering and strife will be replaced with cooperation and love and when peace shall abide in place of war . . ."

A Call To Youth

The most ambitious step in the history of Protestant youth work was taken in January, a project to enlist one million youth in the United States and Canada under a call to United Christian Youth Action.

Culminating in Youth Week, 1952, this project is sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement which represents 40 denominations, 35 state councils of churches and state youth councils, and national youth-serving agencies.

The *Covenant with God*, from which the quotation above is taken, will be signed by youth in the churches and in other character-building agencies. With the signature, a gift of \$1.00 will be given for the support of united Christian youth action throughout the world, for activities of the National UCYM, and for community services. Shares will be approximately one-third each.

The last paragraph of the *Covenant* reads: "We are not alone in this task. The strength of Christ is ours. Divine resources flow through us, and human fellowship sustains us as we give to the Church of Christ and its mission in the world."

The one million youth and their

leaders who are signing the *Covenant* join in prayer, devotional reading, Bible study, voluntary service projects, and enlisting others for Christian work.



They Serve In Faith

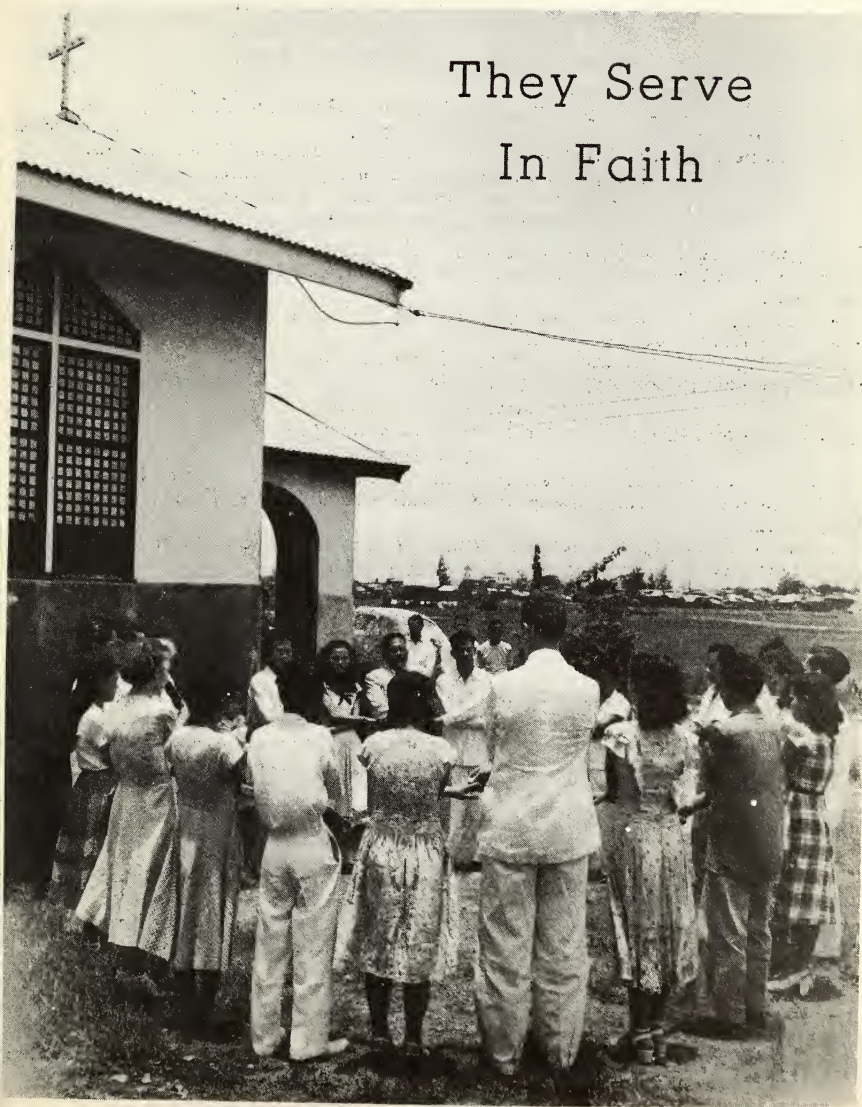
In the Philippines, young people are leaders in the churches. Catalino Lay-sico, a student in Union Theological Seminary, Manila, is minister of Makati Christian Church. They have an ambitious program of village improvement as well as in evangelism.

Last summer, five students joined in a Caravan to aid village churches, and young people flocked to their classes in their churches.

In the northern area of Luzon evangelistic teams go out into the villages. Norwood Tye, missionary, reports from last year's project: "I do not have the complete figures on the number of villages reached, nor the converts, but I do know there are many other villages where the gospel would be gladly heard."

The cover picture shows a Friendship Circle of young people from Pasay Christian Church, near Manila, with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Huber, missionaries.

They Serve
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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Friday, February 9th, 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. over WOWO.

Sunday, 11th, 12:30 to 1:00 P.M. over WGL.

Each evening next week over WANE, 10:30 P.M.

Use Your Radio

WEEK OF COMPASSION 18-25th

CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Balance due on Goal February 1st \$783.41.

One Hour of Sharing will go toward Crusade.

HELP US MEET OUR CRUSADE GOAL

MEN'S FORUM — SUNDAY 5 to 7 P.M.

Great Program

Good Supper

Dr. Engus Hood, Psychiatrist, at Children's Guidance Clinic, Speaker.

Surprise Feature

Good Singing

Special Music

Robert Koontz, President

—

Rolland Ripple, Vice-President

George R. Bruckman, Secretary-Treasurer

Please send in reservations — It Helps.

GENERAL FELLOWSHIP

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. D. E. Coffman, R.F.D. 1, Washington Center Road on Tuesday evening, February 13 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Edwin Hal will assist the hostess.

The Dr. Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. M. E. Kreps, 727 E. Wayne, on Monday evening, February 12, at 7:30 P.M.

The Evening Guild will meet with Mrs. Robert T. Beck, 308 So. Seminole Circle, on Monday evening, February 12 at 7:30 P.M.

AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Louise McGuire is ill at her home, 2412 Kensington.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dare and family, in the recent passing away of Mrs. Dare's mother, Mrs. Thos. Priddy of Bedford, Indiana.

We also wish to express deepest sympathy to Mr and Mrs. Willis VanAlstine in the recent loss of his mother, Mrs. Ida Belle VanAlstine.

CHOIR

The Choir has started work on special Easter music. More voices are needed. Do YOU like to sing? Please come to Choir rehearsal Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. Start this week.

C.Y.F.

ATTENTION: All fun-loving Youth. Our C.Y.F. along with the West Creighton group will have a Roller Skating Party, February 7, at 8:00 to 10:45 P.M. Your transportation will be furnished. The tickets are 50c for an evening of fun. Come, join this gala party. For further information and tickets call Donna Leversee, H-37603.

Don't forget our regular meeting at 6:30 P.M. ever Sunday evening. The Church needs you.

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Read the Bible each day and pray. Keep on repeating this until Easter.

Do This and You Will Feel Like A Different Person

DON'T TRIFLE WITH GOD!

Look how God's laws operate. In every realm, God is not to be trifled with. Look at immortal souls trifling away time, flitting from this to that like butterflies from one flower to another. Did Jesus Christ die that we might loll around in pleasureable nothings? Christ came to **save us to serve**. Why should the Church have to plead with us? Our **bounden duty** and **Christian obligation** is to win men and women to Christ and His Church.

Christians do not need to be told that unwillingness to serve is a sin. Let us not fool ourselves by thinking God gives any a special reservation on a super-train to heaven. Rather let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work.

FROM NOW TO EASTER BE ABOUT THE LORD'S TABLE

SIX GLORIOUS SUNDAYS AHEAD

Those, who are present each Sunday during Lent, will receive a special Merit of Recognition.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25

Special Music

THEME "COMPASSION"

Great crowd last Sunday. Robert Koontz, James R. Shockney and Hugh Rice will assist with Service this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Class for efficient Church and Teaching Procedure, Friday 23rd and March 2nd, from 7 to 9 P.M.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Each Saturday afternoon from 2-3 P.M.



Possessions Alone Do Not Satisfy

In Ecclesiastes, we have the story of a young king who sought the supreme thing in life. At one point of his career, he tried possessions. Large estates, servants, herds, flocks, silver, gold, treasure and musicians were amassed in great number. His greatness exceeded all that had dwelt in Jerusalem before him. He denied himself nothing. This brought a certain delight. But there was something lacking. Possessions could not satisfy the deeper longings of his soul. The devoting of a life amassing possessions was too great a price to pay; the profit, too small. Many have found this to be true, but, alas, too late. A man whose greed drove his wife and children out of his life lay dying in an Indianapolis hospital. A local minister was asked to talk to him. He said to his visitor that he did not have a friend on earth and added, "I have millions; but millions cannot buy love." The soul of man was made for God and the heart of man for his fellowman, and possessions, however great, cannot satisfy his deepest longing. Thus the king came to the conclusion that the fear of God and the keeping of His commandments are supreme in life.

"I made me great works; I builded me houses; . . . I made me gardens and parks, . . . I bought men-servants and maid-servants, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, . . . I gathered me also silver and gold, and treasure of kings and the provinces; . . . So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem . . . and, behold, all was vanity . . . and there was no profit under the sun. . . . This is the end of the matter; . . . fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man". Ecclesiastes 2:4-11; 12:13.

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A Reason for Worship

"I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."—Psalms 138:1-2

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Mrs. Grace Bell	1.00

Help Us Meet Our Crusade Goal

OUR CONCERN

Mrs. Chester Follis is much improved and has returned home from the hospital.
 Mrs. Robert Fahl is much improved after being ill for several weeks.

GENERAL FELLOWSHIP — ANNUAL COLONIAL TEA

The Executive Committee will meet at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, February 21, in the Church Chapel. The regular meeting will be our Annual Colonial Tea, at 2:15 P.M. Wednesday. The Dr. Royal C. Dye Circle will give the Devotions; the Kepple Circle will serve refreshments. The Program Committee has secured Mrs. J. A. Stover who will display her dolls and give a paper on them. Those of our women who have Colonial costumes, please wear them, they add color and authenticity to the Tea. Invite your friends to this afternoon party. A cordial invitation is extended to all women of the Church.

BAKE SALE — THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Dr. Royal C. Dye Circle will hold a Bake Sale at Wolf and Dessauer's on Thursday, February 22. The booth is located near the Washington St. entrance.

C. Y. F.

A very successful meeting last Sunday evening. Another Talent Night on the evening of May 4, 1951. If YOU have Talent or know anyone who has, notify any member of the C.Y.F. Several Committees are at work on this project. This year's Talent Night will be bigger and better than ever before.

On February 25 at 2:00 P.M. the Youth Group will have a Clean-up Day, at which time they will clean up the Church basement. Come, have fun, and help clean up our Church basement. Wear OLD clothes, bring brooms, scrub brushes, soap, and old cloths. Let's see every one there.

We will hold our regular meeting next Sunday evening at 6:30 P.M. Let's all come and bring a GUEST. "Be seeing you at C.Y.F. next Sunday evening."

CHOIR

To all who like to sing: Choir rehearsal next Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. The choir has a fine time singing together. Come, join us. We are practicing special for Easter and need extra voices. Bring the children. There is a capable baby sitter. See you Thursday evening at rehearsal.

1951 CALENDAR

A Calendar is hanging in Office and East Vestibule of the Church. Please check the dates on the calendar in the vestibule before making meeting or party dates to be held in the Church rooms. Check with Office Secretary before making dates and she will enter your dates for you. This will help avoid conflict in meetings.

NOTES

Band will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Church.

Choir rehearsal on Thursday evening at 7:30 P.m.

Class in improving our Church program will meet Thursday evening, February 22nd 7-9 P.M.

The Men's Forum, Church Board and Church School are buying new drum and music for the band.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hogg are enjoying a stay in Florida.



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GOD GIVES STRENGTH

Our Country is no stronger than the good men in it. With the World at the crossroads, we need strong Christian men with clear vision and limitless courage, with an active faith.

Our days are not easy going for any of us. Convenience is not the criterion for a Christian. With Faith unshattered and a determination to do the right as Christ reveals the right, make your Faith an active faith.

Be in Church this Sunday. Let our friends see our genuine devotion to Christ and His Church:

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Sermon: "The Power To Go On"

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Increases are fine. Teachers and Officers meeting Friday evening March 2nd from 7 to 9 P.M.

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KEEP UP YOUR RECORD

What We Owe and How to Pay It

By Thomas Kane

"Was not tithe paying a Mosaic and Jewish ritual law only, and hence abolished by Christ?"

No; no more than the law of the Sabbath. Abraham paid tithes hundreds of years before Moses was born. So did Jacob. So, it is fair to suppose, did all the patriarchs. So did the Phoenicians, the Egyptians, the Chaldeans and, in fact, all the nations and tribes of antiquity to their gods hundreds of years before the Jews had an existence. No fact in ancient history is better established than this. In giving the law to Moses the first mention of the tithe is the simple statement, "The tithe is the Lord's." Not shall be, but is, as it always had been, and it was at least twenty years after this before God directed that the Levites, his ministers, should be supported from it. It was still longer before the tithes mentioned in Deuteronomy xiv., 22-29, were instituted. These were clearly national and ritual, and expired with the Jewish economy, but the law of the "Tithe Terumoth," God's Tithe, did not expire and never will.

"Did Christ commend the law of tithing?"

Emphatically, yes. He said to the Pharisees referring to Judgment, Mercy and Faith: "These ought ye to have done and not (referring to tithing) leave the other undone." Can you find in His teachings any stronger language than this regarding the observance of the law of the Sabbath? Can you find any so strong?

"Is there any reason why our Saviour did not more strongly commend the law of the Sabbath as well as the law of the Tithe?"

So far as the records show, He never spoke of the Sabbath or the Tithe, except to the Pharisees and other Jews, who did not need teaching on either subject, except in the line of reproof for their observance of the form rather than the spirit of both laws.

"Do you mean to say that I should expect greater temporal prosperity if I scrupulously devote one-tenth of my income to the upbuilding and spread of Christ's Kingdom in the earth and that the remaining nine-tenths will go further in the support of those dependent on me than if I should try to keep all for my own use?"

Yes. That is a plain question in plain English, and I mean just that.

"Can you explain the reason?"

No; or at least not fully, and there are many more of God's laws

which no one can explain. Gravitation, for instance, or how vegetation grows, or how flowers are colored, or, to come nearer to the subject, I cannot explain why men and animals can do more and better work in one or five years working six days in a week and resting, doing nothing so far as work is concerned, every seventh day.

"Do not we and they need the rest?"

Certainly, but just now we are dealing with facts, not theories and reasons, and the facts are that it pays in temporal prosperity to observe the law of the Tithe, just as it does to observe the law of the Sabbath.

"Can you explain why we need the seventh of time for rest? Why not the tenth or the sixth?"

The seventh of time and the tenth of income, or "increase" as the Bible has it, belong to God in a special sense, and while we can work seven days in the week and keep it up for years, and we can keep tenths of all we make, we are poorer for it morally, physically and financially all the same.

"Are there not strictly business reasons that will at least partially account for the increased temporal prosperity of those who tithe their income?"

Yes. And yet it is hard to separate common sense and strict business matters and principles from God's laws; in fact, it cannot be done.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Tithing the income leads to system—is, in fact, system itself—and the harvest or reward of system in business, or labor, or farming, or professional life, is prosperity.

Tithing our income is a practical recognition of God's real ownership of our substance, and His blessing naturally follows such recognition. It is a practical acknowledgment also of the claims of Christ and humanity upon us, and human nature is swift to respond to such evidence of sincerity by hearty words of encouragement and helping hands. But these are results, not causes.

"Are there not other and deeper business reasons than these?"

Yes. You believe a thing is right. In other words, you believe it to be your duty and have faith in it. By doing the thing itself you step into the line of your faith and duty and you are at once and consciously a stronger, better and more self-reliant man. Your mind and heart broaden. Instead of receiving, you give favors, and you begin to realize the wealth of meaning in the Saviour's words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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PASTOR'S CLASS

Each Saturday afternoon from 2-3 P.M.

MARCH 4TH GUEST SUNDAY

More than one hundred members will have invited friends, whom they feel would be benefitted by membership in this congregation, to be guests at our Worship Service, Sunday the 4th. We love our Church. We love our friends. We love to see our friends in Church. Christian fellowship is the cause for our existence. Make this felt March 4th.

WEEK OF COMPASSION — FEBRUARY 18 — 25th — HELD OVER

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Help Us Meet Our Crusade Goal

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Will meet this Sunday at 6:30 P.M. for a fine program. The "Work for the Church" project of last Sunday was very successful.

BAND PRACTICE — Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

Preparation and practice under way for Easter.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

MARCH 4—Alan C. Bell	Robert E. Clipp
MARCH 11—F Wayne Rousseau,	Preston H. Somers
MARCH 18—Owen O. Vaught,	Dale Parkerson
MARCH 25—Cecil Rice,	Hugh D. Rice

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Henry M. Flowers, Captain, K-2220; Meldren S. Kreps, James Shockney, J. W. Haffner, Chester L. Follis, Cecil Kinzie, Dale C. Hiler.

GENERAL FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Royal C. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 334 Fleming Ave., Wednesday, March 7. Mrs. J. C. Koegel will review the book, "Papa Was A Preacher."

The Paul C. Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Working, 342 Dalgren Ave., Wednesday, March 7th at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet will bring the devotions.

The Bertha Claussen Circle will meet with Mrs. Nancy Frame, 1130 Jackson St., on Thursday, March 8th. Mrs. Myona Binkley will have charge of the program, her topic, "The Hubers of the Phillipines." Mrs. Mattie Yonkman will have devotions.

The Mrs. Charles T. Paul Circle will meet with Mrs. E. L. Harris, 936½ Lake Ave., on Wednesday, March 7th, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Maude Thurman will give the devotions. The Circle will have a "bakeless bake sale" the proceeds will be given toward the Sacrificial Offering, from this group.

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GOD GIVES NO DISCOUNT

No quibbling with Jesus. No minimizing with Christ. He declares the Law of God. His claim is plain: "Lovest Thou Me More Than These?" Every Christian honest with himself must face this. There may be those who cry "a little is enough." But they are the cries of deceived men, of weak men. Accept the challenge of our Master.

MARTH 5TH GUEST SUNDAY

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Sermon: "What Are People Doing To You?"

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

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Keep Up Your Record

Choose Your Own Reason for Tithing!

By DAN B. BRUMMITT

You may come to the tithe idea by several separate ways. It isn't one of those peculiar doctrines that depend on giving a special twist to a single verse of Scripture.

LAW

There's the way of law. Some object to traveling that way. But there it is—not merely the law of the Old Testament.

Like the law of the Rest-and-Worship Day; like the law of "One-man-for-one-woman," it is a law which got into the thought of men before there were any Ten Commandments.

It is old, old; and though there are those who think it has been repealed entirely, nobody ever thought of changing its form. You never hear of a seventh, a twelfth, or a twentieth. As a law, it was always the sacred TENTH. If you come by the law road, you arrive at that.

EFFICIENCY

There's the way of Christian efficiency. The Tithe really works, for the Church; just as we have been told it would.

The testimonies in its favor are on record by multiplied thousands. It works almost too well. When a group in a church begins to practice it, or a group of churches, the tithers always carry a large overplus beyond their numerically proportionate share of the load.

SELF-INTEREST

There's the way of self-interest. People who think spirituality means something ethereal are apt to sniff at this linking of tithing with prosperity. But they can't sniff it away. There it is. Other things being equal, the tither is more prosperous than the non-tither, and always will be.

We pray for material blessings. Why be surprised when they come?

Tithing does not make poor land fertile. It does not turn tornadoes aside. It does not make up for the tither's lack of any other Christian virtue, or for the limitations that produce differences of ability.

But it works for prosperity, none the less.

It calls for conscience in dealing with what possessions we have.

It develops foresight. It fosters an increasing dislike of waste and needless spending.

The tither must think about his income not only when he is earning it, but also when he is spending it.

That habit alone will protect him at times from spending uselessly as much as his tithe amounts to.

LOVE

And, best of all, *there's the way of grateful love.* In glad recognition that all we have is God's giving, we devote a definite proportion of his gift directly to the work we believe he wants done in the world.

This way is the way of liberation. No man can follow it and be unhappy about it. Either it will bring its own happiness or it will not be practiced.

This way takes all the nuisance-value out of "appeals." To the tither, "appeals" are like his banker's list of possible investments. He doesn't invest in every one he hears about; but he isn't annoyed when the banker submits the list.

IS THE TITHE COMPULSORY?

Nothing Christian is compulsory. Jesus began his ministry with an invitation. He extended it to a few men. At the very end of his work he wept over a city which he would have saved, "*but ye would not.*"

The tithe is voluntary.

The town in which I live has an elevated railway. One of the stations is near a great Roman Catholic burying ground, Calvary Cemetery.

For many years, because in that part of the town were many more dead than living folk, the trains did not stop at the cemetery station except on request. Just after leaving the nearest station, the guard would open the door and say, "*Next station is Calvary. Train stops on signal only. Anybody for Calvary?*"

It is a parable of life's train. At all the other stations every train stops. At Market Street, at School Street, at University Avenue, at Main Street, at Vanity Fair, at Broadway, at Church Street, at Home Avenue. No special notice needed.

But to get off at Calvary—that means a choice, and an expressed desire.

So Jesus stopped at His Calvary—of His own will, for our sakes.

His Calvary was death. And life everlasting. Its essence was its voluntariness. If it had been forced it would have been without meaning.

He does not force anyone to be His disciple. But He does say: "*If any man will come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me.*"

Every man goes to his own Calvary. Whatever its outward aspect, the essence of it is that he puts others before himself, and does this of his own choice. And that it is which makes him a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Anybody for Calvary?

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WEEK OF COMPASSION — FEBRUARY 18 - 25th

Balance due on Goal February 1st	\$ 783.41
Men's Class \$25.00	
Miss Nancy Woodhull \$20.00	
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist and Family \$40.00	
Mrs. Grace Bell \$1.00	

This Sunday is the Sunday
Now is your time to act
Make your gift liberal

You have been informed
Bring your gifts Sunday
Pray for the Cause for which the gifts go

Help Us Meet Our Crusade Goal

C.Y.F.

C.Y.F. will meet at the Church at 2:00 P.M. Sunday. "Work for the Church". This Theme will be expressed in action. Call Betty Rose, Harold Donelson, Donna Leversee or Dick Norton for further information.

BAND PRACTICE — Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

Preparation and practice under way for Easter.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn are visiting in California. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fetz, parents of Mrs. Meldren S. Kreps were in Service last Sunday.

FOR OUR CONCERN

Mrs. E. C. Schiller is convalescing at her home 2611 S. Calhoun St.
 Mrs. Howard Wise has been confined to her home because of illness.
 Merle and Beatrice Rice, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice have been ill with measles.
 Mr. A. R. Richardson is a patient in Methodist Hospital.
 Mrs. John Leikauf is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 163.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 2223 California Ave., on Friday evening, March 2nd, 7:30 P.M.

NO TIME FOR DESPAIR

Communism is still in the phase of ascent but its rate of rise is slowing down and there is reason to hope decline will set in during this current year. There may be revolutions within the iron curtain countries. America's awakening will change world trends. It is not time to despair but to be courageously and vigorously active each day — for Freedom.

—J. W. Fifield, Jr.

PRAYERS FOR EXPERIENCES DURING THE DAY

Controlling ourselves when we are with some one who irritates us:

Heavenly Father, let peace abound in our company. Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us strength to forbear and persevere. Offenders ourselves, give us the grace to accept and forgive offenders. Forgetful, help us to bear cheerfully the forgetfulness of others. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind; through Christ, our Master. Amen.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.



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Do This and You Will Feel Like A Different Person

WHERE ARE THE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST?

Again and again the world asks the question, "Where are His disciples?" Can men and women see in us the faith and courage they lack? Christ insistently calls, "Come, Follow Me!" His followers alone have the answer to the deepest need of our day. The bulwark of our Republic are churches like First Christian.

To give the answer to the world's deepest need requires sacrifice. The extent of our sacrifice measures the quality of our love.

Be in Church this Sunday. Let the people of Fort Wayne see our genuine devotion to Christ and His Church by our faithfulness in coming about **His Table**.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:45 A.M.

Sermon: "Making Decisions Under Tensions."

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

FROM NOW TO EASTER BE ABOUT THE LORD'S TABLE THREE GLORIOUS SUNDAYS AHEAD

Those who are present each Sunday during Lent, will receive a special Merit of recognition.

KEEP UP YOUR RECORD

Tithing Is For the Tither

By THOMAS KANE

In all the pamphlets written by "Layman" since 1876 two facts are made prominent. First:

The Law or Principle of the Tithe Is for the Benefit of the Tither.

The benefits to others, including the church, are secondary. Tithing is not a Mosaic law; it is a fundamental law or principle for the race, and God never established any law or any principle for the race, whether spiritual, moral, mental, physical, chemical, agricultural—in short, any race law or principle whatever—that was not primarily for the benefit of the individual man, woman or child who obeyed it. *We have no right to suppose that the law of the tithe is the one single exception to this rule in all God's universe.*

The other and second fact is that

The Tithe Is a Property Principle, and That It Pays to Obey It

Such a fact as this can only be proved by testimony. Testimony can only be obtained by asking questions.

All normal men, women and even children of thinking age are intuitively conscious that they are indebted to some higher power than themselves for all the material comforts and blessings of life. They are also conscious that verbal expressions of gratitude are not enough. They feel that they owe to this higher power something definite, something tangible, something that can be measured, weighed or counted.

Whenever and wherever this ages long and universal sense of obligation has found practical expression, the one common thought and practice, not only among Christians and Jews, but with people and nations whom we are accustomed to call Heathen and Pagans, has always been that the proportion to be paid from their gains is the tithe—the one-tenth.

Now, candidly, can you think of any argument in favor of the tithe as a fundamental law or principle of the human race as strong as this one fact?

Tithing Pays—Try It and See

In studying the history of the Jewish people, the two facts stand out in bold relief, that both their piety and their prosperity could always be measured by their observance of the Tithe. With every declension both in morals and national prosperity came neglect of this duty, and every repentance was marked by its renewal. Their purses measured their religion to an extent little realized, just as modern purses measure modern religion.

Who Owns Everything?

Does not the admission that God made everything carry with it the admission that He owns everything? Does our changing the

name or shape or use of any of His creations invest the ownership in us? If not, are we not in reality all borrowers instead of owners of what we claim to possess? If we are borrowers only, is it not probable that the Almighty applies the same common sense rules that we apply in trusting, favoring and honoring those who recognize our rights, and practice common honesty towards us in the ordinary affairs of everyday life?

Facts, Not Theories

In order to obtain in brief form the results in the individual lives of those who had adopted tithing, I wrote to hundreds of pastors, asking an answer to two questions.

First: What are the results of tithing upon the financial prosperity of those who practice it?

Second: What are the results upon their spiritual life and activity?

More than two hundred replies were received, all of the same tenor. The following are fair specimens. In making selections from the replies brevity has been the chief consideration.

Financial Prosperity

"Tithers have prospered to their surprise spiritually and through years of crop failures have prospered as in preceding years."

"Happier and more prosperous."

"Far in advance."

"Certainly not less prosperous."

"Three of the seven tithers have become owners of their homes by purchase on the installment plan within 14 months after they began to pay tithes."

"None are poor; some have increased their incomes and business prosperity."

"Cannot tell but know that no tither has been less prosperous."

"They seem to have more and more to give as opportunities for giving present themselves."

Spiritual Prosperity

"I have three points in my charge. The point that practice tithing to fullest extent is most spiritual, receives more members, has more conversions, has better prayer meetings and is easy to get along with in all things."

"Prayer meetings larger and better. Bible study and family prayer great gain."

"There has been marked improvement in spirituality and work."

"All say they feel much better satisfied and enjoy religion much more than ever before. They are certainly much more active."

"The payments of one young man, a farmer who had been converted to tithing exceeded any and all of the rich farmers, who did not tithe. Yet many of these men said they were sure they gave more than a tenth."

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BAND PRACTICE — Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

THANKS!

Many guests were in Church Sunday and our Sanctuary was filled. We appreciate the response of our membership.

MARCH VISITATION

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, our men will go out two by two to call on prospective members. We solicit the prayers of our congregation in this great and primary work of winning souls to Christ.

OUR CONGREGATION CONTINUES TO GROW

Sunday after Sunday new members are received. Speak of your Church with an invitation to those who should be members.

MEN'S FORUM SUNDAY 5 TO 7 P.M.

Hon. John Kelly, United States Prosecutor of Judith Coplin will relate this story before the Men's Forum Sunday evening. Special Music. A surprise Feature. Group singing. Business session with Robert Koontz presiding. Reports of Committees. Send in your reservations as soon as possible.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. John S. Craig, 4516 Smith St., on Tuesday evening, March 13 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. James R. Shockney will assist the hostess.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Tuesday afternoon, March 13, at 1:45 P.M.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Anna Robinson, 2619 Kensington Blvd., Monday evening, March 12, for a carry-in dinner at 6:30. Mrs. Robert Donohue will have charge of the program.

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"Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they can not be separated; often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them."

—Sidney Smith



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PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS 10:10 A.M.

With Band music under the direction of O. E. Ogden. Our Junior Choir will lead the **Procession of the Palms** by the Children Mrs. Robert Voke will direct the **Junior Choir**.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Music by Band 9:15 A.M.

Opening of Church School 9:30 A.M.

Children will proceed from the Children's House and be at Church at 10:05 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP

Organ Prelude 10:25

Special Music by Choir and Junior Choir

Sermon: "Strong Son of God"

Preacher: Our Pastor

GROUND BREAKING — 3:00 P.M.

**WHOLE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THIS HISTORIC OCCASION**

**STILL AND COLORED MOVING PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN
OF THE BEGINNING OF THIS NEW ERA OF OUR CHURCH**

BUILDING OPERATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE

VOCAL AND BAND MUSIC

FULL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE SUNDAY MORNING

Drive, or Tithe?

LOOK AT THE DRIVE

Jesus was accused of many violations of the ancient law; but none of these who were watching for some cause of offense in Him ever accused Him of neglecting the tithe.

Everybody knows that the usual way of raising money for the Church has something the matter with it.

It makes Christians into coaxers and beggars.

It makes sincere Christians ashamed, that the work of the Church is done on the money of mendicancy.

It puts means above ends; we are forced to give concerts for money, not music; to hold suppers for profit, not sociability; to distribute books for a commission, not instruction; and generally to degrade and pauperize the greatest business on earth.

It makes the money bag the measure of recognition, and mortgages the Church's conscience to its heavy givers.

It uses up time and strength in getting the tools for the work, which ought to be spent on the work itself. (The time used up by financial committees in the course of a year is estimated at one man's working time for three hundred years.)

With all its other disadvantages, some people might defend it if it did but work, but it is a self-confessed failure. Like the perpetual motion machine in the Patent Office, it is highly complicated and very ingenious, but it won't work.

THEN LOOK AT THE TITHE

Any one who thinks about it knows that the paying of the tithe as a sign of stewardship has nothing whatever the matter with it.

It conserves the energies of the Church for the Church's real business.

It puts a stop to the necessity of the Church becoming a peddler of pies, oysters, ice cream, chicken pie, and notions.

It gives the business men of the place a new regard for the Church as a business institution.

It collects itself.

It puts a quietus on all display and self-seeking in one's contributions. Nobody can get puffed up over paying his debts.

It makes the Christian's financial relation to his Church a pleasure instead of a perpetual annoyance.

It is the one sure way of proving we are in earnest when we say of God that He owns all we possess.

It links us with God in a real and definite sharing of his work.

The Testimony of the Towers

What does it mean, that
nickels and dimes have
erected these tall build-
ings in New York and Chicago?

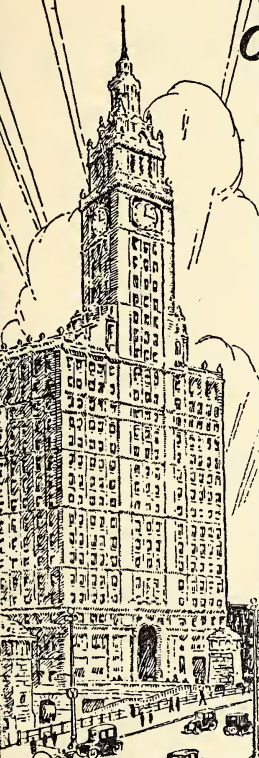
Only this: that when a
business can get money
from the many, in regular,
frequent, small amounts
there is no limit but the
sky to that business.

Woolworth and Wrigley
have taught the crowd how
to spend money steadily "with-
out feeling it."

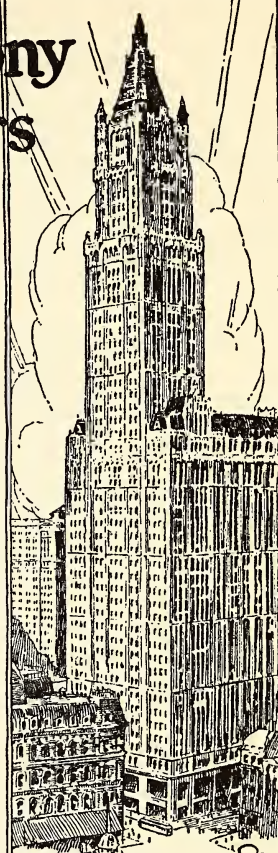
The towers which compel
the eye in America's first two
cities testify that these men
have acted according to a
great secret of success.

Titling puts into the bus-
iness of partnership with God
this same secret of success;
small amounts, from many
people, paid regularly, and
paid unceasingly.

The towers testify that
this is good business.



Chicago's Tower
The Wrigley Building



New York's Tower
The Woolworth Building

The Tithe is Mightier than the Drive

It is the plan our Lord approved.

And every time, everywhere, with rich Churches, poor
Churches, city Churches, country Churches, little Churches, big
Churches—it works!

Layman Tithing Foundation, 8 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

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**FROM NOW TO EASTER BE ABOUT THE LORD'S TABLE
TWO GLORIOUS SUNDAYS AHEAD**

Those who are present each Sunday during Lent, will receive a special Merit of recognition.

KEEP UP YOUR RECORD

PASTOR'S CLASS

Each Saturday afternoon from 2-3 P.M.

C. Y. F.

Will meet this Sunday at 6:30 P.M. for a fine program.

BAND PRACTICE — Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

EASTER LILLIES

Lillies are needed for Easter Sunday. Let your Easter Lily add beauty to our Morning Worship Service. Send a Lily in memory of a loved one. Easter lillies should be at the church on Saturday, March 24.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL SACRIFICIAL SERVICE**

The Women will hold their Annual Sacrificial Service on Palm Sunday evening. **Miss Jeanette Elissa**, native of Palestine, will be the **Guest Speaker**. She will bring interesting facts about her Country and the Near East. Mrs. Alan Bell and Mr. Owen Vaught will bring special music. Mrs. Robert Scott will accompany them.

We are asking all the women of the Church to be present at this meeting. We owe Miss Elissa our cooperation and support. The meeting is open to your friends and families. Your Easter Sacrificial Love Offering for the Women's work may be given at that time.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2:00 P.M.

Is the time of our regular monthly meeting. There will not be an Executive meeting this month.

Mrs. Charles Dare, Program Chairman and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Missionary Chairman are in charge of the Program.

TREASURERS AND SECREATARIES of the Circles are requested to bring their reports to this meeting.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Paramount Theatre — Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., noon

Speaker: Dr. A. C. Brooks of Third Christian, Indianapolis

Maundy Thursday: 7:30 P.M.—Candle Light—Traditional

Good Friday 12 - 3 p.m. Our pastor gives "Last Word" of our Lord at
Crescent Avenue Evangelical Church



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SUNDAY IS EASTER

The Pastor, the officers and members of the Church join in all good wishes for a blessed Easter to all who worship in our Sanctuary. The Church observes no event of greater significance than Easter. The renewal of hope and great decisions which Easter emphasizes are vital to all. This stands over against the paganism of our day and points the way to peace. Our people, from all walks of life, are an earnest people bound together by a common faith and devotion to God, as interpreted and expressed in the life of our Christ. We invite **YOU** into our faith and fellowship.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Sermon: "Faith To Hold On"

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, all are asked to be liberal in our Easter Offering. Bring your Easter gifts.

A large number of our members have a perfect record of attendance thru Lent.

BE AT OUR GLORIOUS EASTER SERVICE... MAKE A PERFECT RECORD

"Let the Chorus of joy be unlimited.

Sing with assurance made bold.

God, through Christ Jesus, has spoken this morning.

Come one and all to Eternity's fold."

—I. W. Langston.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA.

He Showed The Way

JESUS WAS concerned about people as he walked the streets of Jerusalem or the roads of rural Galilee. He saw the man, small of stature and of soul, who watched the crowds from the branches of a tree. He knew it instantly when one touched his garment for healing.

Christ knew no bounds of race or language or position. He challenged the despised Samaritan woman with his message. He healed the slave of the Roman centurion. Where he saw a need, there he ministered. At last he gave his life that men might live.

Following the example of the Master, the Christian Churches today offer their services. In our own land the need is seen to serve people of all races and to teach them as Christ taught.

A wide program of home missions is administered through The United Christian Missionary Society. It includes a ministry in six social service institutions and schools, plans for evangelism for all churches, the recruitment of young people for full time service, promotion of an effective program for the town and country church and the urban congregation, and small financial grants to hundreds of churches through the years as possible. It is seen in a program of social action and education for Christian world order among the churches of the brotherhood.

This widespread service receives support from the Easter offering of the churches. Through it, "unto the least of these" becomes more meaningful.

A PRAYER

*Lord, let not my religion be
A thing of selfish ecstasy;
But something warm with tender care
And fellowship which I can share.
Let me not walk the other side
Of trouble's highway long and wide;
Make me a Good Samaritan,
And neighbor unto every man.*

C. M. Burkholder



*Because I live, you
shall live also.*

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HISTORY WAS MADE ON PALM SUNDAY — GROUND BREAKING

After months and months of **CAREFUL** work the Building Committee, conducted the **GROUND BREAKING SERVICE** Sunday afternoon.

A Band of 20 pieces and a double quartette from the Choir furnished the music. This was the start of the building our new Church which the contractor says will be one of, if not the most beautiful, Church in our area when completed. H. W. Sigrist, Chairman of Building Committee, lifted the first shovel of dirt.

The Prayers of every member of the church are solicited by the Building Committee. When the plan and program of the Building Committee was presented to the Special Board meeting, the program was approved and the committee commended by a rising unanimous vote.

Special recognition should be given not only to the Church Building Committee, but to Mr. O. E. Ogden and the Church Band, Mrs. Robert Voke and the Choir's Double Quartette and to Henry Flowers who had charge of Publicity.

The General Contract has been let to Wm. F. Schengel and Sons, local Contractors. Excavation is to begin as soon as utilities complete the removal of wires and pipes.

WELCOME

Ten youth and two adults were baptized Sunday. Names will be published later. This is the time to speak to your friend about his Church membership.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Cecil Rice is a patient in St Joseph's Hospital having undergone surgery.

Miss Sarah Shroyer has been confined to her home with illness.

Mrs. Dudley Planton is recovering from a short illness, at her home.

The sister of Mrs. Robert Clipp is confined to her home suffering from a stroke.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Good Friday 12 - 3 p.m. Our pastor gives "Last Word" of our Lord at
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OUR PASTOR

Our Pastor will give the sunrise address at the Easter Convocation of the Knights Templar of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

QUARTER ENDS THIS SUNDAY

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OUR CHURCH SUNDAY

This Sunday **THE STORY OF THE PROGRESS OF OUR CHURCH.**

This part of our program will be in charge of our Building Committee. The complete details of our building program to date will be presented.

DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR CHURCH

EMPHASIS FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

Seven weeks to ponder the meaning of our Lord's life. From His resurrection to that grand finale when He said, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, 'Lo I am with you alway.'"

The Church is necessary to Your Own Soul

Keeps you in touch with the Eternal God

Forgiveness—Comfort, hope, moral strength, and salvation are found here.

Gives security to your home, business, property and life.

Write in additional reasons why you should love and support your church:

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "Christians"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Easter Offering held over—See your Class raises its proper share for the great work of our Brotherhood. Ralph Reynolds, president of Progressive Class, the teacher, Hugh D. Rice and members to be congratulated on large attendance. Women's Bible Class on fine special offering for our Mission causes.

Reasons for Tithing

By Bert Wilson

One of the very first objections raised by Christian people against the tithing system is that they can't afford it. The objection is urged because people see only the money side of tithing.

The starting point is the man himself. When he is asked to become a tither, let him forget his money for the time and face himself. Can the Christian man afford to put God first in his life? The fact that he is a Christian presumes that he is dedicated to the work and program of the Lord. He has confessed Christ, he has promised to be His disciple, his name is recorded on the church records. Now, at this point, can he afford to deny his Christ a just proportion of his money?

Can he afford to make a law of giving for himself? By refusing to acknowledge the principle of the tithe, he denies God's right to suggest what proportion he should give. He blindly understands that he should give something. God has plainly indicated that the ratio should be a tenth. He flatly refuses to accept this and begins a loose habit of irregular and unsystematic giving. This is nothing short of religious anarchy.

The man needs the principle of the tithe to fortify his own faith. On faith he accepts God's principle and ratio. He establishes the tithing principle as a life habit; thus begins a life of complete cooperation between the man and his God. This is the starting point of the tithing system. If he will, on faith, accept God's will and God's principle of giving for his life, then the tithing system is already two-thirds on the way.

The Tithing System and the Every Member Canvass

There is a point where the Every Member Canvass needs enlargement. Its *method* has been *definite and direct*, its *message* has been *indirect and general*. It has asked all to give, but has not said what proportion should be given. Here the tithing principle fills up the Every Member Canvass. It puts the *right message* into the *right method*. It puts a new content into the whole program.

1. *It gives the advantage of a spiritual appeal.* Practically every church member secretly admits that tithing is the proper thing. He knows it is *right*, although he refuses to do it. The direct canvass for the tithe is bound to touch the conscience of every man to whom the appeal is made.

2. *A canvass for the tithe is fair to rich and poor alike. The larger the income, the larger the tithe. With a small income the tithe is small. It is often remarked that the rich do not give in proportion to the poor. The tithe would remedy this, and no other system will. The poor are usually willing to become tithers if the more able will join in the good work. To be sure, some of the wealthy should give more than the tithe. But there are few, if any, cases where they have done so, without previously getting the tithing habit fixed as a life principle.*

3. *It has the argument of success back of it. There are no records of failure among tithing churches. The examples of success are legion. To get a church to become a tithing church is to forever settle the financial problem, as well as many other problems. Why not do the thing right and be done with our "excursions" on church finance?*

4. *It would help to create tithing churches. A church that is taught tithing, that is canvassed for the tithe, that is kept thinking of tithing, will eventually become a tithing church.*

5. *It would tend to produce real missionary churches. There is no case on record of a tither being anti-missionary. . . . The man who recognizes that the tithe belongs to God is willing that a large part of it shall go to the Lord's worldwide program. . . .*

The Preacher Is the Starting Point

1. Let the preacher get the conviction in his soul that it is his duty to teach and preach tithing. It must not be a mere mental assent. He should not go haltingly, half defeated, into a tithing campaign. . . . With earnest conviction let him vow before his God that he will lead his church into a greater life. That he will call them from selfishness and indifference to real service for Jesus Christ. With fire in his soul and passion in his heart, he must forge conviction in the souls of his people.

2. There must be some clear-cut preaching on the subject. One sermon will not do. There should be many of them. And in his sermons let him remember that the main drive is not finance but to win men from greed and gold to the higher spiritual life.

3. The preacher should have faith in his people. He has a right to believe that many of his people will respond to the tithing appeal. The first clear, strong sermon will bring results. . . . Most Christian people at heart desire to do the right thing. . . . The church that is carefully, wisely and systematically taught tithing will become a tithing church.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Largest crowd taxed the limit of our Church's facilities. Great Communion Service. Merland Heller and his ushers did a masterful job. The white carnations were furnished by Men's Class. The beautiful Easter lilies filled our sanctuary with their fragrance. Music was glorious.

C.Y.F.

The C.Y.F. will have an unusually good program this Sunday evening. Betty Rose, the president, Marilyn Baker, Shirley Richard, Sally Hirschy, Doyle Whitton, assisted by Herman Utterback will participate in worship and discussion. A social period is being planned. There will be a number of guests present.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 1—Joseph M. Fitch — Robert E. Clipp
April 8—Glenn R. Miller — Hugh D. Rice
April 15—F. Wayne Rousseau — Owen O. Vaught
April 22—Alan C. Bell — Floyd E. Morrical
April 29—Robert Clipp — Dale Parkerson

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Wm. E. Tracey, Captain, H-28554, C. D. Palmer, Ralph J. Richards, Martin C. Brudi, Jay J. McCarel, J. E. Tracey, Eural G. Rose, R. Ripple, D. E. Coffman.

OFFICIAL BOARD

Regular meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, April 4, at 8:00 P.M.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Flora Virts is confined to her home by illness.
Mrs. Wayne F. Koontz is ill at her home.
Louis Culbertson, Jr., is at home with measles.
Harold Bowker underwent surgery at the Lutheran Hospital.
Karen and Lina Ashe, daughters of Robert Ashe have the measles.

FOR THE NURSERY

The mothers in the Come-Double Class are soliciting for baby beds for the Nursery. They need medium sized baby beds. If you have a bed which is not in use, please call Mrs. John Craig, H-02232; Mrs. Irene Cline, H-65781, or the Church Office and arrangements will be made to pick up the bed.

THE FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 441 Buchanan St., on Friday evening, April 6, at 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. F. J. Worrell is assistant hostess.

Over 10,000 attended Good Friday Union Services of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, which is 2000 more than last year.

Mr. Frank Ruf has resigned as Secretary of the Associated Churches because of ill health. A recognition luncheon will be given Friday noon. He has done a monumental piece of work in Fort Wayne.

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LOOKING TO PENTECOST

The example of the first disciples is a challenge to His disciples today.

They remained steadfast in the teaching of the Master.

They met to celebrate The Last Supper.

They continued in prayer and in the fellowship.

Informed Christians know these facts. There are two ordinances

The Lord's Supper and Baptism.

Every consecrated Christian recognizes his duty to be present each Sunday about our Lord's Table. And he accepts this obligation and seeks to obey his Lord's command to "keep in remembrance, His love and sacrifice!"

"If a man love Me, he will keep My Words," That is a statement of truth.

Not an exhortation. **He will—not he should.**

The obligation is plain. **The measure of your love is doing.**

Looking to Pentecost—Meditate—Read your Bible—pray, speak to another, bring him to Church.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25

Sermon: "Playing Your Part"

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God." The Church School is the Church at Study. Make your religion intelligent. Come to Sunday School.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

Mrs. Robert T. Beck will speak and lead a discussion on **Preparing for Marriage** this Sunday evening. Young people are invited.

LAST SUNDAY

A report of the Building Committee was given last week by Mr. H. W. Sigrist. The following is the way our pledges were made by the 247 who have pledged. 1-\$14,000, 1-\$10,000, 1-\$4,000, 1-\$3500, 1-\$2800, 1-\$2300, 1-\$2100, 1-\$2000, 1-1800, 1-\$1500, 1-1125, 3-\$1000, 1-\$900, 1-\$750, 11-\$600, 1-\$560, 1-\$550, 5-\$500, 7-\$450, 3-\$400, 2-\$360, 1-\$350, 50-\$300, 4-\$250, 1-\$240, 1-\$210, 17-\$200, 2-\$180, 1-\$162.50, 41-\$150, 3-\$130, 1-\$125, 25-\$100, 2-\$90, 5-\$75, 46-Under \$75.

OTHERS ARE MAKING PLEDGES. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

From 10% to 95%!

The founder of Mentholatum, sold in every civilized nation on earth, was a tither. He started paying one-tenth to the Lord. He ended by paying 95 per cent for Kingdom purposes and lived on 5 per cent.



A. A. HYDE
Founder of
Mentholatum
Wichita, Kansas



ONE OF THE MENTHOLATUM FACTORIES
Buffalo, New York

MENTHOLATUM COMPANY

Fiftieth Anniversary



The Story of Mr. A. A. Hyde

SINCE MANHOOD Mr. Hyde has been a Tither. He originated "Mentholatium," which is a household product around the world. He started as a "Tither;" he ended giving 95 per cent of his net income to the work of God in the world.

When he was 87 years of age, he addressed his employees and salesmen in a national convention and from that address we quote the following:

"Here I am approaching 87—wabbling around on my feet—and at the head of an organization that has made a real success in the world in a material way and which supports a good many families. I have used a good deal of my time and money spreading the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. The principles of Jesus Christ as He gave them would solve every one of our problems. I believe it, and try to act on it."

* * * *

A few months after this address was given, Mr. Hyde, who had taught a Bible class in the Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas, for forty years, taught his Bible class lesson, sat down, feeling somewhat tired, closed his eyes, and members saw his lips moving, and heard him whisper, "The Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God, may it come on earth even as it is in Heaven." And when they strove to awaken him, his body was there but the soul of this great Tither, this steward of Almighty God, had gone to be with Jesus in the ever-lasting Home of the Soul.

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MEN'S FORUM — 5 - 7 P.M.

Dinner meeting. Mr. Grandstaff will be the guest speaker. Grandstaff a prisoner for 17 years will relate his experience. Jack Norton former president will bring a surprise feature. A good program is being prepared. All men of the Church and their friends are invited. Short business session lead by Mr. Robert Koontz, President.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Voke entertained his Sunday School class of Intermediates in his home last Saturday.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. Jerry Brubaker, 1204 Stophlet St., on Tuesday evening, April 10, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. William Boswell will assist the histess. Mrs. Richard Johnson will give the devotions and Mrs. J. C. Koegel is the guest speaker.

The Mrs. Charles E. Paul Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Avenue, on Thursday, April 12.

The Dr. Royal C. Dye Group will meet with Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, 1914 Drexel Ave., on Wednesday, April 11, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. F. W. Edgerton will give the Devotions, Mrs. E. G. Rose is in charge of program. Topic, "Christian Citizenship."

The McGavran Group will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., on Tuesday, April 10, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Ralph Reynolds will give the devotions and Mrs. Leo Miller will have charge of the program. The Group will have a bake sale.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Howard Wise, 2030 Neuson St., on Monday evening, April 9 at 7:30 P.M. Guests are invited.

The Alan Huber Group will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, 818 Monroe St., Thursday evening, April 12, at 8 p.m. Mrs. W. W. Bundy will give the devotions and the program will be selected.

WASTE PAPER DRIVE

The Project Committee of the General Council will sponsor a waste paper drive. Please save your newspapers and magazines, tie in bundles for easy handling, and bring them to the Church any time during the period between **April 1 and May 15**. Solicit your neighbors and friends. Will the Presidents of the groups appoint one person in their group to promote this project and arrange to have someone pick up papers for those of their membership who have no means of getting the papers to the Church. Start bringing in your Waste Paper now and carry on until May 15. **We will appreciate the cooperation of all our Church Members in this endeavor.**

APRIL DATES FOR THE COUNCIL

Evening meeting, April 17th—Entertain the Society for the Blind, April 18th.
A Silent Auction, April 27. Please keep these dates in mind.

BAND PRACTICE

The Band will practice Wednesday evening at 7 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Adult choir will meet for practice on Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Nowell, 646 W. Jefferson, is ill. Mrs. Lucille McCarthy is in the Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Harold Bowker is convalescing nicely.

HONOR ROLL

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LOOKING TO PENTECOST

WHEN YOU HAVE HOPE

"You are never alone" says the Song

"Faith, Hope, Love abides" says the Apostle Paul.

YOUR CHURCH EACH SUNDAY

Renews and strengthens that hope through worship, praise and meditation.

Gives you opportunity to let go your worries.

Developes your religious life by bringing your problems, your sacred aspirations and your precious possessions to Church.

Teaches you to meet every situation as its Master.

Your job, your home, your life, will be made cheerful and better as you form the habits of regular worship in God's House on the Lord's Day.

Come to Church this Sunday

Bring Another

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25

Sermon: "A Trail to Some Where"

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

Associated Churches Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

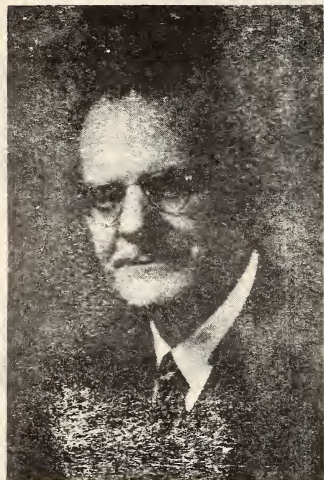
Classes are asked at this time to set their goals for the **Children's Day Offering.**

C.Y.F. SPRING MEET

The Young people will meet at 1:30 P.M. at Church to go to Youth Conference at Elkhart. Parents and adults will have special Class. Mrs. Robert T. Beck will conduct the discussion on "The Christian Home." David A. Griggs will lead the group on C.Y.F. Content, and our Pastor will bring the address. There will be recreation, supper and worship and fellowship. The Meet will be closed with a Consecration Service. Parents are invited to go with their Youth.

An Earnest Advocate of Tithing . .

The Director of Promotion of The Southern Baptist Convention is an earnest advocate of Tithing.



Why I Tithe

DR. JAMES EDGAR DILLARD

Director of Promotion

Southern Baptist Convention

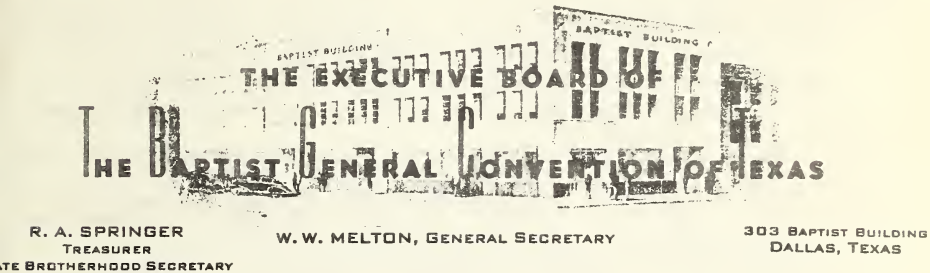
161 Eighth Avenue

Nashville, Tennessee

1. I tithe because the Bible teaches it. (Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:10; Luke 11:42, etc.) I have no right to accept the teachings of the Bible concerning salvation and then reject its teaching concerning tithing.
2. I tithe because it is business-like. It removes doubt and enables me to know whether I have given the Lord's work a reasonable part of my income.
3. I tithe because every person I know who has practiced tithing consistently for any length of time is pleased with it.
4. I tithe because I know the needs of our church and denomination, and nothing less than this can begin to be my part in meeting those needs.
5. I tithe because God has promised a blessing to me in doing so, and "*I believe in His Word.*"
6. I tithe because it is a joy to feel that I am in partnership with the Lord, and have a part in the work of the Kingdom.
7. I tithe because I love Christ, and long to see His cause extended throughout the earth.
8. I tithe because this puts me in direct succession to the patriarchs and saints of old. Only by so doing can I measure up to the **standard** which from the beginning of recorded history has **received both** Divine and human approval.

9. I am happy to tithe because I thus set a definite and worthy example.
10. I do not stop with tithing. I tithe my salary before I set apart any of it for other purposes and then I give free will offerings as occasion demands and as I feel able.

Tithing Fulfills the Wish of God



R. A. SPRINGER
TREASURER

W. W. MELTON, GENERAL SECRETARY

303 BAPTIST BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS

Texas Baptist State Secretary Speaks:



W. W. MELTON
General Secretary

Without doubt, the doctrine of tithing is very clearly and conclusively taught in the Bible, not only as a Christian principle or as an Old Testament practice, but as a fundamental fact which runs further back than the Scriptural records go. It was an evident fact that in the days of Abraham there were folks practicing tithing.

It is also a conclusive fact that those who practice it sincerely and religiously are fulfilling the wish of God and are meeting a requirement in their Christian lives that will bear fruit in many directions.

It is also a certain fact that if the churches would strictly observe this practice of tithing, it would be adequate to care for every need of the Kingdom of God and would bring to the individual, blessings, both material and spiritual.

We most heartily commend the practice of tithing to every Christian in all the land.

W. W. MELTON, *Executive Secretary*.
Dallas, Texas.

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NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Grounds are to be cleared of poles and gas pipes by the end of the week. Excavating will begin immediately.

Pledges for our new House of Worship continue to come in. **One of the pledges** for last week was for \$1500. Another gift of \$500.00 cash was made by another member.

Plans are now being worked out for the Service for laying the Corner Stone.

WHEN YOUR PASTOR PRAYS

OTHERS ARE MAKING PLEDGES. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

Increase the depths of your religious experience by observing these suggestions when you pastor prays:

1. Assume a reverent attitude of prayer—Close your eyes and draw close to God.
2. Bring an open mind. Let go your concerns and unclutter your mind.
3. Listen with sympathy in your heart. If you listen for faults you won't hear God's answer. Let a sense of fellowship come into your heart.
4. Make the prayer your own. Pray with the minister in your heart.
5. Make additions to the prayer when necessary. Let the pastor's prayer start you praying.
6. Accept holy suggestions as coming from our Father in Heaven.
7. Assume God is near. He has promised. The Church is where Christ is. Believe His promise that He is with His people.
8. Respond to high promptings that come. To fail to act, to refuse to accept God's guidance is to fail to grow spiritually.
9. Be unselfish and let the spirit of Christ go with you.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Executive Committee of the Council will meet at 7 P.M. on Tuesday evening, April 17. The regular meeting will be at 8 P.M. The Esther Circle will give the devotions; Program will be presented by the Evening Guild; Music will be furnished by the Higdon Circle. Miss Bonnie Fusselman will bring piano selections. The refreshments will be served by the Rebecca Circle.

APRIL 18

The Council will entertain the **Society for the Blind on Wednesday, April 18**, at a Noon luncheon. Arrangements are in charge of special committees.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Cora Nowells has been ill at her home.

Miss Lucile McCarty has returned to her home and is recovering nicely.

Mrs. W. C. Birkhold is a patient in the Bluffton Hospital.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

Our State Convention will be held at Kokomo, Indiana on May 15 to 17. Our Pastor will speak on "The Worship In The Sanctuary" on Thursday afternoon, the 17th.

APRIL DATES FOR THE COUNCIL

Evening meeting, April 17th—Entertain the Society for the Blind, April 18th.

A Silent Auction, April 27. Please keep these dates in mind.

BAND PRACTICE

The Band will practice Wednesday evening at 7 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Adult choir will meet for practice on Thursday at 7: 30 P.M.

HONOR ROLL

In the next weeks our Honor Roll of those whose pledges are up-to-date will be published.



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OF COURSE YOU WONDER SO DO OTHERS

Why? Why do Christians who publicly confessed Christ, who were consecrated in obedience in baptism, continue to disobey and disregard Christ's invitation to come about His table—On His Day? Why? The people who should be in the pews at Church on Sunday have no sense of indebtedness; of stewardship. Doesn't it ever permeate their minds, they have received **Everything from God?** Doesn't the conviction ever grasp them that since God is their **Creator** and Redeemer? They are **obligated** and **privileged** to return to God a part of what they have received. There are no dues or assessments in our Church. Each member solicits himself in the presence of Almighty God. Each member is expected to support the Church however small or large his share.

This **applies to time** as well as money. We must give God **time in our lives**. We **give God time** through **regular** attendance. At the celebration of The Lord's Supper, in prayer, worship and meditation.

If every Christian were acting as you, how soon would our world be Christian? Why? Get hold of this idea of Christian stewardship, then your attendance at Church will increase as naturally "as warm air rises."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Making One's Name Mean Something Preacher: Our Pastor
The New Haven Sextet will bring Special Music
The Co-Chairman Couple for April are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Thompson
Organ Prelude 10:25

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

27 went to the Youth Conference at Elkhart last Sunday,
where there was a record attendance of 196.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

Our pastor will lead the the third discussion which the Young people have been having on "Preparing for Marriage, and a Christian Home." All the youth of the Church are invited.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Adult choir will meet for practice on Thursday at 7: 30 P.M.

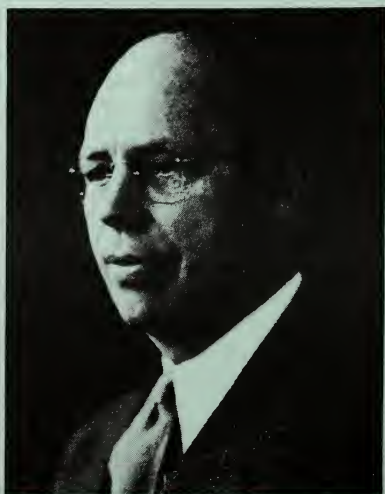
Up from Bankruptcy..

This millionaire, once bankrupt, says he is a "Partner with God." His great financial success is proof that God blesses both spiritually and materially.



Airplane view of
THE LETOURNEAU COMPANY
OF GEORGIA
Toccoa, Georgia

R. G. LeTOURNEAU



Here is a real "Partner with God"

R. G. LeTourneau is president of the great LeTourneau Company which manufactures the largest earth-moving machinery in the world. He has over 2,000 on his payroll; his company, of which he is the president, is a corporation worth over \$18,000,000.

Mr. LeTourneau is more than a mere "Tither." He has at present in his "Tithe Account," a sum of over \$13,000,000, out of which he carries on a most remarkable Christian work. He is president of the world-wide Gideon movement; devotes 15 per cent of his time to his business and 85 per cent of his time to the Lord's work; supports single-handed 16 Gospel evangelists who preach God's Word in places where a sermon would never be heard unless this man of God sent his messengers bearing the Word of Life to them. Weekend cocktail parties have no attraction for Mr. LeTourneau. After a busy week at the plant, he can be found every Saturday leaving by train or airplane to travel hundreds of miles to tell the simple story of Jesus and His love.

Mr. LeTourneau is actively associated with the work of the Christian Business Men's Committee International, which is arousing Christian laymen all over the land to their responsibilities to the Lord's work.

This man of God lives modestly in a humble home, and devotes the greater portion of his income to God's work in the world.

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NEW CHURCH BUILDING

It is an inspiration to observe how our membership are paying their pledges. Due to wet weather there has been some delay by the City in completing the work of removing wires and vacating the alley. We hope by next writing that excavation will be well **under** way.

OTHERS ARE MAKING PLEDGES HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Pritchard in the loss, by death, of his father. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, faithful members of our Church, will receive the prayers and consolation of this congregation.

The sympathy of the Church is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Anwilda Swineheart, who passed away last week.

OUR CONCERN

Kenneth Richard, small son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richard is ill with scarlet fever. Mr. Verl Pribble underwent major surgery in the Lutheran Hospital. He is in Room 224. Mrs. Pribble who has been ill is much improved. Mrs. Alice Varner is in St. Joseph's Hospital for observation. Little Miss Rita Roe is ill at her home. Mrs. J. C. Koegel is much improved after an illness of more than two weeks.

A SILENT AUCTION Friday Evening, April 27 — 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by the Woman's Council, under the supervision of the Project Committee. This FUN FEST is for the whole Church. The program will consist of a short devotional and the film "The Shortest Way Home" will be shown. This will be followed by the auction. The Project Committee is composed of members of the Executive Committee, and Group Chairmen. We need **YOUR** co-operation in making this affair a success. See you at 7:30 on Friday evening, April 27th at the Church.

TO REMIND YOU OF THE PAPER DRIVE

Tie your old newspapers, magazines and other waste paper in bundles for easy handling and bring to the Church before April 27th.

COUNCIL DATES FOR MAY

Mother Daughter Party, Friday, May 11, 7:30 P.M. State Convention at Kokomo, May 15 to 17. Annual May Breakfast, May 22, at 9:30 A.M. This meeting has been postponed one week, from May 15 to May 22. Miss Edith Eberle will be our guest speaker. **PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND.**

HONOR ROLL

(Names of members whose pledges are paid up for first quarter, 1951)

Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Bernard W. Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. W. Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Banet, Mrs. Jeanette Barbier, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Marcia Baugher, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Beck, Patricia Beck, Martha Jeanette Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Bell, Mrs. Grace Bell, Mrs. Geo. Bellinger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bowser, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Karen Branstrator, William Branstrator, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brubaker, George R. Bruckman, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Ward Bundy, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mrs. Gilbert Busick, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Chambers, Mrs. Edna B. Clark, Miss Eunice Clark, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. E. Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cole, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. L. M. Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Culbertson, Mrs. Charles Dare, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Edgerton, Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahl, Miss Anita Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Dwight Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Lloyd Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mrs. Olos Fox, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Miss Janice Fuchshuber, Bonnie Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, (Continued next week).

BAND PRACTICE

The Band will practice Wednesday evening at 7 P.M.



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THE CALL

There is simplicity in the Call of Christ. It is put in plain language "Come, follow Me." Ecclesiastical organizations have complicated it with intricate speculations, rules and regulations until many churches are no longer the Church of Christ, but an intricate weaving of authorities, rules, laws, traditions, rituals and rites and the people are fooled and bewildered.

The love of ritual takes precedence over love of truth. It was so in Jesus' day. He pointed out that the law had become so complicated that it kept everyone out of the Kingdom.

Worship and the living of the Christian life should be as simple and as fundamental as truth. Consequently your religion should be a reasonable, common sense proposition. That was the teaching of our Master.

The later Church fathers, apologists and ecclesiastics have led many would-be followers of Christ far from His plain, beautiful and holy way. Take heed that you be led not away from the Truth.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: The Second Chance"

Organ Prelude 10:25

Special Music by the Choir

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

The Officers and teachers should be planning for Mother's Day. Guest speaker will be present for that occasion.

TALENT NIGHT — MAY 4TH, 7:30 P.M.

This Annual event will bring talent from choirs, Progressive Class, Come-Double Class, Band, C.Y.F. and others. Proceeds will go for a sound projector.

CONGRATULATIONS! — PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Munro are the parents of a son, Keith Alan, born last Wednesday, April 18, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes are parents of a daughter born last Thursday, April 19.

OUR NEW CHURCH

Ground has been cleared and all is in readiness for the excavation for our new church.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Adult choir will meet for practice on Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

NOTES

Mr. David T. McCrosky is the manager of The Tourinn's, One of the most modern

Chato Is A Lucky Boy



Arthur Aleman, Jr. is known as Chato, "turned-up nose."

It isn't every boy of Mexico who is as fortunate as Chato. He is a likeable, intelligent boy of 13. His father is one of the rural evangelists. He lives in Pabellon.

Last year Chato completed the sixth grade in his home town school. He had then received all the education he could hope for, more than most of the villages offer. Except for *A Crusade for a Christian World*, he would have joined the thousands of other boys and girls of his land whose edu-

cation has stopped with the primary grades.

Because of the *Crusade*, Chato will study this year in secondary classes taught by the missionaries, and receive training at the new rural center just opened by the Mexico Mission under the auspices of the United Society.

It is important that Chato have the opportunity for this training!

A Crusade for a Christian World has helped to fulfill one of the dreams of the Mexico Mission. From gifts of churches across the land the Mission has purchased a 100-acre tract of land on which the rural center is located.

Here strong Christian leaders will be developed as boys attend classes in Bible and religion taught by the missionaries, and secondary courses not offered in their village schools. At the same time they will learn better methods of farming, the use of machinery, the value of improved seed.

This the *Crusade* has done. Many other projects await the completion of the *Crusade*—dreams of the missionaries in lands around the world.

The Week of Compassion provides the opportunity for every Christian to help make these dreams come true. Part of the offering, above the goal for world relief, will be used for *Crusade* work.



Prayer For Peace

O God, who hast put into the hearts of men a great longing for peace, but hast also given to man the power to choose, grant us the will to make our choices in accordance with Thy will. Bind the world together, O God, in fellowship, service and love, and grant that we may take our part in the fulfillment of Thy purpose. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This prayer, written by Mrs. Harper Sibley, former president of the United Council of Church Women, is being sent to all women's groups of our churches. It is hoped that all people will join daily at the noon hour in definite prayer for peace.

*"Bear ye one another's
burdens and so fulfill
the law of Christ"*



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roadside motor courts in America.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly have returned from a stay in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schiller are in New Orleans, La., for a visit.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 Columbia Ave., on Tuesday, May 1st, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. R. H. Reynolds will present the program.

The Dr. R. J. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, R. R. 8, Fernwood Drive, on Wednesday, May 2nd at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. H. M. Flowers will give the devotions, Mrs. Owen Vaught will present the program. Topic, "The Philippines".

The Paul C. Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. J. R. Coar, R. R. 8, Suburban Drive, on Wednesday, May 2, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. M. G. Heller will give devotions and Mrs. David Hogg will present a book review.

COME-DOUBLE CLASS

The Come-Double Class has set their Mother's Day Attendance goal at 40. There were 23 members present last Sunday. This means that all those who were present last Sunday should plan to be present on Mother's Day and invite another member to be present. Help us reach our goal.

KOREAN RELIEF

Sponsored by the General Council. Bring your gifts to your next Circle Meeting and remember to add 12c per pound for shipping costs. Items urgently needed are: Sweaters, coats, robes, caps, trousers, overalls, infants' boy's and girl's outer garments; Women's dresses and skirts, underwear, wool and cotton; socks, stockings bedding, including blankets, comforters, quilts and sheeting; yarn, needles, thread; gloves, mittens and mufflers; soap, laundry and bath size. ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD REPAIR AND CLEAN — NONE OTHER WILL BE ACCEPTED.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Jos. Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave., on Friday evening, May 4, at 8 o'clock. The Class will have a Silent Auction.

OTHERS ARE MAKING PLEDGES HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

HONOR ROLL

(Names of members with pledges paid up through March 31, 1951)

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Garee, Mrs. Martha Gaunt, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Goebel, Leonard Goode, David A. Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hafner, Mrs. Irene Hamman, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hendrickson, Dale Hiler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Hirschy, Sally Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Miss Kathryn Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hopkins, Mary Esther Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Howell, Mrs. Edw. Huff, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Oscar Isay, Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Kean, Mr. Clinton H. Keith, Mrs. Ella King, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kinzie, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mr. C. H. Krick, Mrs. J. F. Lahmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Lear, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ledbetter, Miss Donna Leverage, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig. (To be continued next week).

HOW TO RAD THE BIBLE

Read the Bible not as a newspaper, but as a home letter.

If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it.

If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it.

If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it, and aunch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire.

If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you.

If the truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendor, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life.

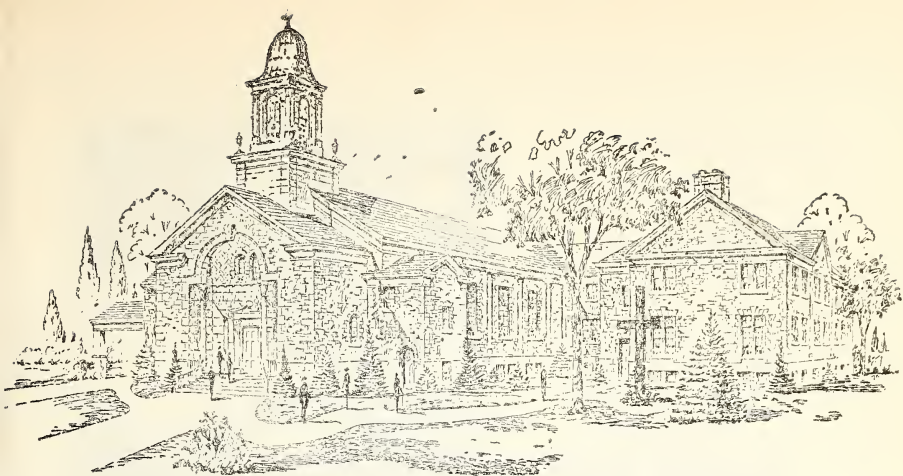
—F. B. Meyer.

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FAMILY WEEK — MAY 6th to 13th

In these days the longing for stability and security is abroad in our world. This is indicated on the negative side by over-worked psychiatrists, Court docket overflowing with pending divorce suits and insane hospitals with more beds than all other hospitals combined.

There is no substitute for a Christian home where there are accepted standards of conduct, and the members are not victims of the caprice of the public mind. The Christian home fosters and builds friendships whose roots go deep into the soul of human hearts. The life of a Christian home is built on a stone of faith, which the winds or floods cannot destroy, for it is built on the life of Christ.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "What Has Happened to the Christian Church?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Organ Prelude 10:25

Special Music by The Children's Choir

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Goals for our Church School — Total for Mother's Day.

Come-Double 40:

Progressive 70;

High School 20;

LaKoda 20;

Men's Class 20

Junior-Intermediate 40, and other Classes will announce their goals next Sunday.

Herman Utterback will teach the High School Class this Sunday.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

Miss Betty Rose will preside—Worship sponsor this Sunday, Mr. Herman Utterback. Plans will be made for visit of Kendallville Young People, and High School Young people from the Orphanage.

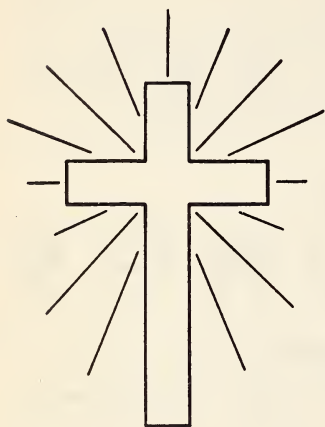
NEW CHURCH

"GO" sign given to excavation. Pledges being paid. Others are making new pledges, have you made your pledge.

MEN'S FORUM — SUNDAY, MAY 13, 5 to 7 P.M.

Macdonian Band. Mr. Hargrove, former Principal of Washington High School, Indianapolis, will speak on "Present Liquor Problem."

The Field Is The World



The outreach of the churches — Africa, China, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Argentina, Paraguay, Philippine Islands, and Puerto Rico.

In an ever-widening circle of preaching and teaching, Christian Churches seek to answer the question, What must I do to be saved? They send their youth as preachers, teachers and doctors. They undergird the work with their prayers and financial support.

Through the Division of Foreign Missions of the United Society, the churches reach into ten world fields with

- 210 missionaries
- 2,393 national workers
- 421 organized churches
- 1,473 other places of regular worship

In the last year—

- 5,735 persons were baptized, bringing the church membership on the world fields to 96,880

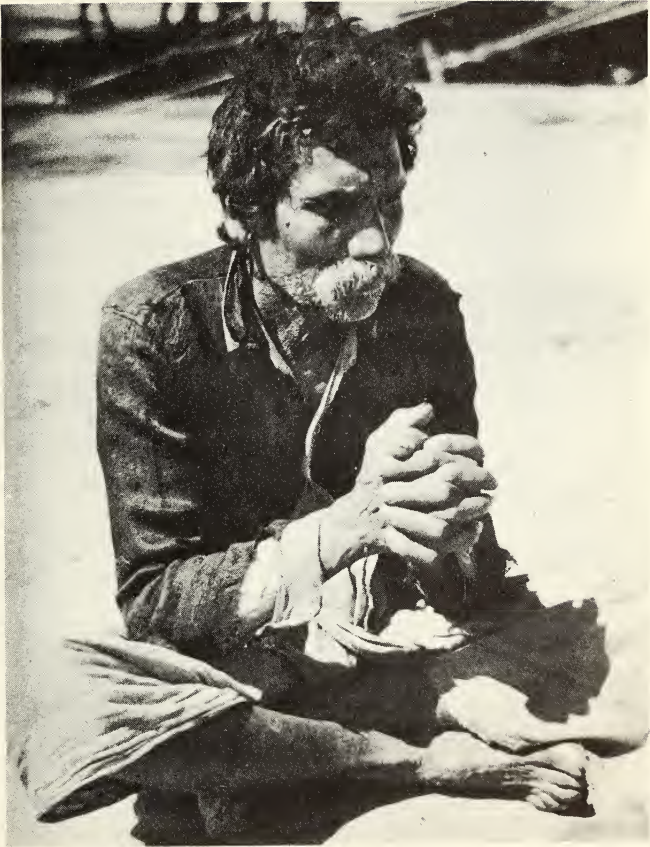
660,153 were served in the hospitals
17,062 were enrolled in the schools

Now add Thailand (Siam) to the fields of service. Our British brethren have faced an emergency in their work at Nakon-pathom, finding it impossible to supply recruits and support. Their appeal to the United Society to share in this work came just as the Society faced the fact that all missionaries would be returning from China.

The board of trustees of the United Society has voted, therefore, to ask Mrs. Edna Gish, who has served 30 years in China, to go to Thailand this summer on an exploratory assignment. The Thailand mission uses the Chinese language, as well as a native dialect. The three British missionaries on the field have served more than 40 years and must soon be retiring.



The first Sunday in March is observed every year among our churches as Foreign Missions Day. It is a day for rethinking our responsibility in light of the heritage from the pioneer years, for rededication to the task under the Great Commission, "Go ye."



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STATE CONVENTION

May 15 - 17. Main St. Church, Kokomo, Indiana

Our Pastor speaks on Thursday. Many women are going for one day.
Come, join us.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. Harry Neuert, 4216 Queen St., Anthony Wayne Village, Tuesday evening, May 8, at 7:30. Mrs. James Shockney will give the devotions, Mrs. J. C. Koegel will present the program. Mrs. Richard Johnson will assist the hostess.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 No. Wells St., on Monday evening, May 14, for a carry-in dinner at 6:15 P.M.

OTHERS ARE MAKING PLEDGES HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. J. J. McCarel, Mr. and Mrs. David McCrosky, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinney, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan, Miss Janet Martin, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Martin, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Robin L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moody, Mr. M. F. Morkoetter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. Florence Munro, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Munro, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Neuert, Mrs. Cora Nowells, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy O'Dell, Miss Ernie Owen, Mrs. M. D. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pennington, Miss Sharon Pennington, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pither, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mrs. Rosella Randolph, Mrs. Nelle Reed, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Beatrice Rice, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rice, Merle Rice, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richard, Shirley Richard, Wanda and Carolyn Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Roe, Rita Roe, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rose, Susan Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Miss Lenore Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, James Rupel, (To be continued).

SCHEDULE FOR ELDERS FOR MAY

May 6—Charles Fuchshuber, Preston H. Somers.

May 13—Alan C. Bell, Joseph M. Fitch

May 20—Charles Fuchshuber, Cecil Rice

May 27—Glenn R. Miller, Floyd E. Morrical

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Robert W. Ashe, Captain, H-03235; Dudley H. Platon, Robert E. Working, Herbert C. Banet, Gail J. Roe, J. L. Brubaker, W. H. Imbody, John S. Craig.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Wednesday evening, May 9, at 8:00 P.M. at the Church.

MOTHER - DAUGHTER PARTY

May 11, 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by the Woman's Council, this party is given for all women and girls of the Church. If you are a member of a Circle, make your reservation with your Circle president. Or, call the office. Reservations should be in by Wednesday, May 9. Tickets, 25c.

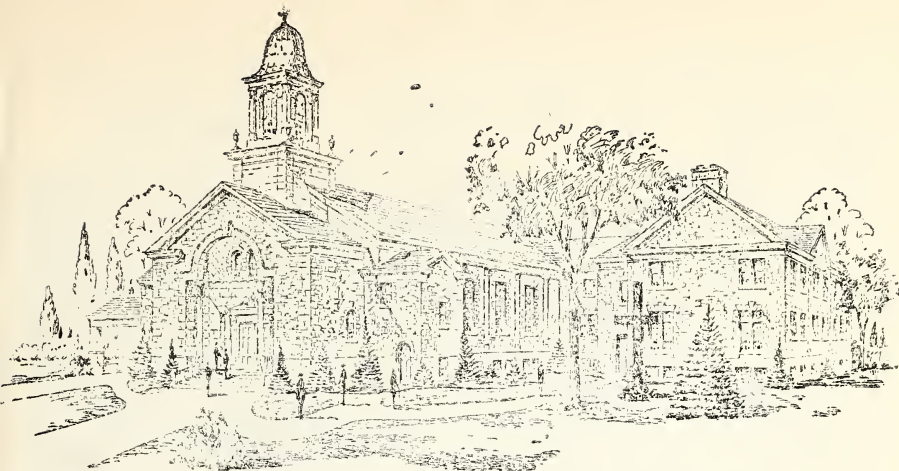
The Evening Guild will present the program. Rebecca Circle will furnish special music and make table decorations. Dr. Dye and Dr. Higdon Circles will serve dessert.

AMONG OUR SICK

Robert P. Jones is a patient in Methodist Hospital, Room 508.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Adult choir will meet for practice on Thursday at 7:30 P.M.



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MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

"The instruction received at the mother's knee, and the paternal lessons, together with the pious sweet souvenirs of the fireside, are never effaced from the Soul."

"If there is aught surpassing human deed or word or thought, it is a Mother's love."

The above quotations explain why Mother's day finds response in our hearts. In few ways can we honor motherhood more than being in Church on this Day.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

A Gift For Every Mothers Purse in Church this Sunday

Sermon: God Bless Our Homes

Speaker: Our Pastor

Our hearts rejoiced as we saw so many families together last Sunday. Make Mother's Day another great day for the family to be in Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:20 A.M.

MEET YOUR ATTENDANCE GOALS

Classes beginning with Juniors and Intermediates will assemble in the Church for a joint session, after class records have been made. Mr. Hargrave, former Principal of Washington High School, Indianapolis, will speak.

Our Band under the splendid and faithful leadership of Mr. O. E. Ogden, will play beginning at 9:20 A.M. in honor of Mother's Day.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

An enjoyable party last Sunday at the home of D. E. Munro. Everyone out this Sunday.

MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M.

Dr. Hargrave on "The Present Liquor Problem"

Macedonian Band

Patrotic Sound Film.

Gail Roe's Food Committee will provide Supper.

Please send in reservations early.

NEW CHURCH

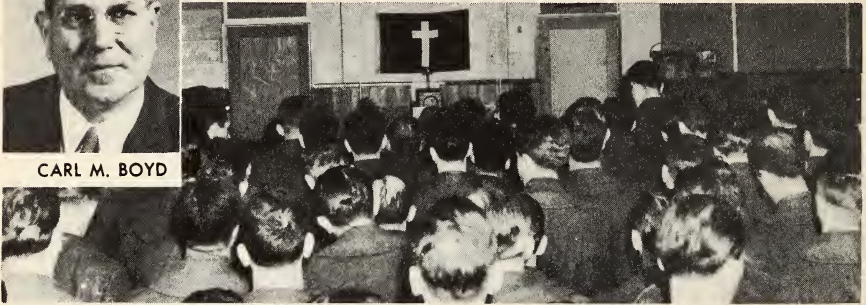
The dirt is flying on our beautiful site. Drive by and you can see the size of our new church building. Mr. Leversee is doing a splendid job. All donated, too!

OTHERS ARE MAKING NEW PLEDGES. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

A Christian Ministry



CARL M. BOYD



Religious services for the members of the armed forces are a responsibility of the Church. No one can take the place of the chaplain in the army camp, on the warship, or the field of battle.

Under the auspices of the International Convention, Disciples of Christ coordinate their work on behalf of the men and women in the armed services through a Committee on Military and Veterans Services. Its administrator is W. M. Wickizer, chairman of the Division of Home Missions of the United Society.

This committee has recently called Carl M. Boyd, a former chaplain, minister of First Christian Church, Tonkawa, Oklahoma, as field representative

—a full time work. Mr. Boyd has responsibility for recruitment of chaplains for our brotherhood. During the last war we had about 550 in the services. In areas of concentration of military personnel, Mr. Boyd will aid in the establishment of church centers and service relationships with the churches. He will also edit the news magazine, *The Disciple Chaplain*.

Offerings of the churches in the Week of Compassion undergird the program of service to members of the armed forces. They strengthen the ties of brotherhood with the chaplains during the time of their larger service.

As the church gives, it reaches a hand of fellowship to the men and women it has sent into difficult situations.

He Sent Them

Fifteen young men were graduated from the fifth and last class of the Monieka school of the Congo Mission of Disciples of Christ last June. (See cover.) Almost all of them are now serving as backcountry evangelists in villages which look to them not only for spiritual guidance but also for education. Many of them will be the only person in the village who can read and write, and the only Christian.

In December, twenty more were graduated. These will also take their places in the village work.

Upon these village preacher-teachers rests responsibility of preaching the Kingdom of God — in isolated areas, without the comfort and guidance of fellow Christians.

Says A. C. Cuppy, one of our newer missionaries, "How they need an evangelist to train them!"

From every station comes the call for more missionaries to care for the Congo church which numbers almost 75,000 members. New Christians. New preachers. They all need guidance.

*And He Sent Them
to Preach the
Kingdom of God.*



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EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet with Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St. on Monday evening, May 14, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. J. C. Koegel will review the Book, "Papa Was A Preacher," Miss Ernie Owen will give devotions.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Wayne Koontz has been quite ill at her home.

Mr. Ward Bundy underwent surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION — MAY 15-17

Main Street Christian Church
Kokomo, Indiana

Attention: Women of the Council. Buses leave Fort Wayne at 6:30 and 8:30 A.M. and leave Kokomo, 4:50 P.M. Round trip fare \$4.14.

HONOR ROLL

(Names of those having paid up pledges through March, 1951)

Mrs. C. R. Sargent, Roger and Marilyn Sarrazin, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. Millie Scherrer, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schnobel, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Mrs. Mae Shelline, Mrs. Laura Sherer, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Shockney, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. Everett Shull, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Miss Pauline Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siples, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Forrest Smith, Mr. P. H. Somers, Mr. Paul A. Strawser, Mrs. Edith Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tatman, Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tharp, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Thompson, Mrs. Maude Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Timbrook, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. David Vesey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Voke, Mrs. Mittie Warner, Miss Margie Watkins, Mrs. Chas. B. Whitman, Doyle Whitton, Gerald Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Robert Whitton, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Working, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. Mattie Yonkman, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Miss Wilma Yost, Mr. Bret R. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Sylvan Young.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Duly, 4509 Smith St., are the proud parents of a baby girl, Georgia, born Thursday, May 3. Congratulations.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the members of our Church goes out to Mrs. Lillian Scott in the recent death of her sister, Mrs. W. R. Teel, Camas, Washington.

MOTHER - DAUGHTER PARTY

May 11, 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by the Woman's Council, this party is given for all women and girls of the Church. If you are a member of a Circle, make your reservation with your Circle president. Or, call the office. Reservations should be in by Wednesday, May 9. Tickets, 25c.

The Evening Guild will present the program. Rebecca Circle will furnish special music and make table decorations. Dr. Dye and Dr. Higdon Circles will serve dessert.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Adult choir will meet for practice on Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

BAND PRACTICE

Band Practice Wednesday evening, 7:30 P.M. Mr. O. E. Ogden band director.

NOTES

Talent night was a success — total received \$59.00. This will be applied on Sound Projector. Thank to all who participated on program.



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THERE IS HOPE

We can be sure God knows what will happen to the affairs of men. We are foolish when we whimper, "What is our world coming to?" A far better question is not what can we do, but rather what ought we do? There is hope when we begin to answer that question as Christians.

The Early Christians! Look at them. They cried out in exaltation. "Look — See what has come to the world." Not an organization, a super-salesman, a newer method, but a life whose spirit can heal the distresses of men!

What ought we do? They had the answer: worship, love the brethren, love God and your fellowman; send missionaries to people every where, just let them see Christ, their Saviour. That's all! But that is the hope of the world.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "The Reasonable Life"

Speaker: Our Pastor

In times of distress the call seems clearer. God bids us all worship. Christ says worship in Spirit and in Truth. Come this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Thanks to our Band. Fine Temperance Lesson. Wonderful response. Make your religion intelligent. Be a part of a Class in Sunday School. Bring your Children with you. That is the right way.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

Come! Must complete plans for last Sunday in May and first Sunday in June.

NEW CHURCH

Always people have loved the Church. "I Shall Dwell in the House of The Lord Forever," was from a man who loved his church. So are our people loving and giving to the Church.

Allen and Paul Garee have made a substantial gift to the Church in honor of their father, Frank Garee, who became a member of the Church and died a year or so ago. This is a beautiful act by worthy sons.

By the time you read this, our excavation for our new church will have been completed.

OTHERS ARE MAKING NEW PLEDGES. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Woman's Council

Tuesday morning, May 22, 1951 — 9:30 A.M.

Miss Edith Eberle will be our guest speaker. Miss Eberle spent several years

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teaching in High School for girls at Laoag, Philippines. She has written several books and is now director of Sales Literature for the United Missionary Society, Indianapolis. Through her varied experience in Christian Work she is prepared to bring a message of interest and value to her audience.

Mrs. Maude Thurman of Mrs. Charles Paul Circle will bring devotions; music will be furnished by the McGavran Circle and the refreshments will be prepared by the Allen Huber Circle.

We may show our appreciation of the efforts of these Circles to prepare a fine program for us by being present at the May Breakfast. It is always an enjoyable time. May we count on your co-operation.

ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

Palestine Christian Church

Friday, May 25, 1951

Several of our members are going to the One Day Conference at Palestine on the 25th. Won't you come with us? Get your reservation in soon so transportation can be provided. Several women from our Council are presenting a playlet during the program that day. We are asked to bring a covered dish. Rolls and a drink will be furnished by the Hostess Church.

AMONG THE SICK

Mr. Martin Wagner is ill at his home, 521 E. Masterson.

OUR SYMPATHY

The heartfelt sympathy of our members goes out to Mr. Leo Miller in the recent death of his Mother.

ORCHIDS

Orchids to Mrs. John Craig and Mrs. L. H. Horn for cleaning the nursery in the Children's House.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Timbrook became grandparents last Saturday. Best wishes to both families and the baby.

DEDICATION

Our Church at Corunna will be dedicated Sunday. Our congregation is invited to the afternoon services. Rev. A. N. Shockney is the pastor.

CHRISTIANS AND LIQUOR

I hate intoxicating liquor. I hate it because of what I see it doing to people . . . I hate liquor because I meet its partons on the highways. I read of their crimes in the newspapers.

I don't hate people who drink intoxicants; I fear for them . . . Some people say that we should learn to drink moderately, and to "carry our liquor." But it is now scientifically established that a considerable percentage of drinkers will not "carry their liquor." The liquor will carry them to alcoholism.

I am concerned over the tendency of my Christian brethren to weaken in their resistance toward the liquor business, Yes, I'm tired too. It's a hard, dirty fight.

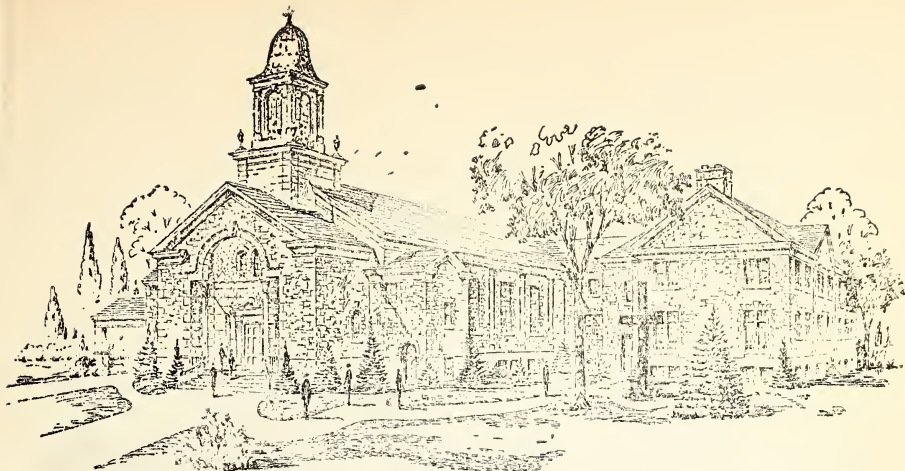
I'm worried when teachers of men's Bible classes tell me it's becoming more and more difficult to teach the temperance lessons. The liquor interests dominate advertising, and they have practically ruined the radio, beaming its programs down to the taste of their patrons. They have captured television in its initial stages and are making it the specialty of the beer parlors, with programs adapted to beer parlor environment.

Abraham Lincoln said that intoxicating liquor produced a worse slavery than the chattel slavery which he fought.

Yes, I am narrow—I am against anything that produces as much wickedness and crime and heartbreak as is created by intoxicating liquor. I am compelled to so register.

—Jesse H. Baird, in The Liberator

OUR SOFTBALL TEAM won 7 to 3 over West Creighton in opening game of the season.



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FINDING TOMORROW IN YESTERDAY

In the Spring of 1875 the first Church building of the First Christian Church was dedicated by Isaac Errett, one of the pioneer leaders, and one of the great preachers of all time in American religious life.

On September 20, 1896 the corner stone of the present building was laid and in June, 1897, or 22 years after the first building was dedicated, the second building was dedicated. Now 54 years after this dedication, our new building is started. By the same token our new building will serve the community for the next 125 - 150 years.

We are building for many generations ahead. The names of this generation of Church members will be enscrolled for the inspiration of literally hundreds, yes thousands of Christians in the next century and a half.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 P.M.

Sermon: "Help For Our Weakness"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Attendance is most gratifying. Be in your place this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Children's Day will be observed June 3rd. Offerings for that day will go to our Missionary Cause. **The need is very urgent.** Our Missionaries are looking to our Churches for their support. Do not fail them. Teachers read in Bethany Guide: Now I Know How It Feels — Page 392.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

Young people will meet for fellowship and program.

NEW CHURCH

The Building Committee is pleased with the way the pledges are being mailed in for our Building Fund.

This week a very substantial amount from a friend who is not yet a member of the Church. What an incentive to all of us.

The foundations for our Church will be of reinforced poured concrete. One of our Trustees said it is Biblical to have a firm and strong foundation.

OTHERS ARE MAKING NEW PLEDGES! HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

Bibles For The Orient

The Massachusetts Bible Society has cooperated with the International Council of Religious Education and Thomas Nelson and Sons in sending 12,500 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament to the Orient.

Some 6,000 copies went to Japan last December, and 5,000 more early this year. The Philippines have been sent 1,500 copies. These are being distributed by American missionaries.

The Massachusetts Society has developed a project of sending this new version at wholesale cost. Contributions received from all parts of the country, from individuals and organizations, have taken care of the cost of about one-third of the copies sent. The Society has paid for the other two-thirds, plus transportation costs, out of its own treasury.

The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, authorized by the International Council and published by Thomas Nelson and Sons, came from the press in 1946. It is expected the new version of the Old Testament will be published in 1952.

World Relief Continues

Churches which have come to look upon Church World Service as an efficient organization for the administration of overseas relief will be glad to know that service will be continued.

When the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. comes into being in November, the relief agency will become a central department.

Through Church World Service, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches have contributed millions of dollars and tons of supplies.

The report comes of a disastrous fire in Atami, famous hot springs resort some fifty miles from Tokyo, Japan. Within twenty-four hours after the fire, two truckloads of clothing given by American church people — 49 bales — arrived for distribution to the victims. Later a truckload of milk and additional clothing were sent, to be dispensed through the United Church of Atami.

Contributions are solicited to continue relief work, especially among refugees in Germany, India, Pakistan, China and the Near East.



OFFICERS OF THE INDIA MISSION

Leadership elected in the India Mission for this year are, left to right: Kenneth L. Potee, mission secretary; Donald A. McGavran, chairman of the committee on evangelism; Dr. K. L. Bonham, medical committee; and Miss Vida Elliott, committee on education.





Study to show thyself

approved . . .

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MEN'S FORUM — JUNE 10th

Father and Sons Banquet

Get your tickets now for Father and Son banquet on June 10th. This will be the last meeting before Summer vacation.

OUR PASTOR

Our Pastor has not only spoken before the State Convention at Kokomo, but in the last weeks has spoken before two Parent Teachers Associations, a Service Club, and a Lodge gathering.

Mrs. Beck gave a talk before the Fort Wayne Art School Auxiliary.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Our Building Committee has had many meetings and is making every effort to see that everything goes in good order in our building program.

Our Building has received good publicity in the newspapers.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Harvey M. Smelser is in the St. Joseph's Hospital for observation.

Mrs. William Miller underwent surgery, recently, at Mayo's.

Mrs. Allen Garee has gone to New Castle to be with her mother, who is ill.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Caryle Seibert was elected President of the Miner School P.T.A. We wish to congratulate her on this honor which has come to her.

JUNE DATES

For Our Council

June 19 General Council Meeting and Installation of our New Officers. June 22 General Council Bake Sale at Wolf and Dessauer's. June 30, End of year, when all Group moneys must be in if we are to receive credit for it this year.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR WILL

Information comes to us that a number of our members are remembering the Church in their Will.

A Will should be drawn clearly and should adequately express one's intentions. It should be dated and witnessed and signed by at least two disinterested persons who together witness the testor sign the will and hear him declare it to be such. If you desire the help of an attorney, get one who is versed in probate work. When you consult him, be sure to give him all the facts.

The following form is suggested:

"I will, give, bequeath and devise to the First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, a corporation under the laws of the State of Indiana the sum of dollars, and the receipt of the Board of Trustees shall be sufficient discharge to my executor of same." If real estate is given, it should be accurately described and located as in the writing of a deed.

Remember your Church as you remember those you love in your Will.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. George Murley in the birth of a baby daughter, Janet Lynn, born Friday, May 18. She is the new granddaughter of our organist, Mrs. Lillian Scott.



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THE CHURCH THAT IS TO BE

As we progress in the construction of our beautiful new church edifice, we re-affirm our belief in the Church. What a wonderful history the Church has had, never perfect, yet it has been made up of men and women and youth, families, consecrated to Christ and His way of life. We re-affirm our belief in the Church of today. What a power, yet, this imperfect and limited Church is the hope of men and women, children, families consecrated to Christ as they come together to worship. Even with greater confidence, we re-affirm our faith in the Church of the Future. Our Lord gave us the promise that the gates of Hell cannot prevail against the Church. It will stand. As we give our time, our prayers, our substance and our devotion to Church, these cannot be lost, for the Church of our Lord and Saviour is also the Church of tomorrow and shall abide forever.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: What God Can Do For YouPreacher: Our Pastor

SERVICE OF BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Parents should have their children at church by 11:15 A.M.

CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:20 A.M.

Our Band will play from 9:20 - 9:30 A.M.

Departments will present program

Remember To Bring Offering for Missions

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

Young people will meet for fellowship and program.

MEN'S FORUM

Father and Sons Banquet

Sunday, June 10th — 5 to 7 P.M.

Dinner is being served by Rebecca Group of the Woman's Council. \$1.50 for Father and Son when son is under 10 years. \$1.75 for Father and Son when son

OTHERS ARE MAKING NEW PLEDGES! HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

Honoring God Through Labor

Every person has a calling to serve God unselfishly in some useful occupation. All Christians are equally called to honor God daily in love to their neighbors through their different vocations. Every useful occupation, be it that of wage earner, businessman, or minister, can be an expression of a person's will to serve God and his fellowmen.

Our Lord taught his disciples to pray — "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread."

He recognized the material needs of man. Jesus never divorced man's worship from his daily living as a child of God. He expected Christians to relate their life to God's Providence and to his Kingdom. He left us no blueprint for a social system, but he gave us the law of love by which the whole of our life is to be measured. "The kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ."

From the *Labor Sunday Message* approved by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ.



Parshad Winner

One of the two national winners in the Parshad Youth Week awards for this year was Charles E. Wilson, Jr., of Oklahoma City, member of a Christian Church there.

He will receive a \$400 college scholarship for four years, and plans to enter Phillips University this fall to prepare for the ministry. In addition, he won a scholarship to one of the summer conferences of the United Christian Youth Movement.

In national competition, Mr. Wilson not only prepared a 1,500-word essay but also presented evidence to show his worthiness in Christian service and an understanding of the Christian life.

Shrink not, however great the odds;

Shrink not, however dark the hour—

**The barest possibility of good
Demands your utmost power.**

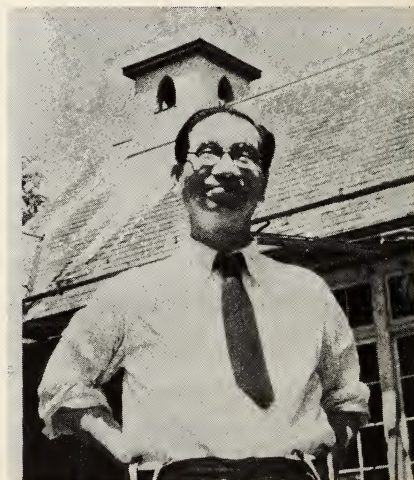
**Find out what God would have
you do,**

And do that little well;

**For what is great and what is
small**

'Tis only He can tell.

Dr. Kagawa Here



Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, great Christian leader of Japan, is spending six months in the United States and Canada this year.

Following the World Convention on Christian Education in Toronto, he is speaking under the auspices of the department of evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches. In November he will speak at the United Conference of Church Women in Cincinnati.

***"Who serves my Father
as a son
Is surely kin to me."***



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is over 10 years of age.

A fine program and a good time for everyone. This is one of the big events of the year. **Get your reservations in early.**

COMMENDATIONS

Our Nursery in the Children's House is ever popular. Mrs. Helene Rodda, our Registered Nurse, has cared for 239 babies since the first of the year.

Our choir last Sunday gave us exceptional music. Those who present their talents to God in the choir are doing a great service to Christ and His Church and are helping His people to worship.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Olos Fox on the birth of a baby daughter last Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

YOUTH CONFERENCE AND INTERMEDIATE CAMP

We heartily commend the Youth Conference at Lake Wawasee and the Intermediate Camp at Winona Lake to our Young people. The Church School pays as a scholarship, one-half the expense at Camp for those who can qualify to go. If you are interested see Mr. B. W. Leversee.

FLOWERS

We wish to thank Miss Sarah Shroyer and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist for the flowers we have had at services.

Flowers Sunday will be here shortly — flowers properly arranged add much to our Sanctuary.

JUNE DATES

For Our Council

June 19 General Council Meeting and Installation of our New Officers. **June 22** General Council Bake Sale at Wolf and Dessauer's. **June 30**, End of year, when all Group moneys must be in if we are to receive credit for it this year.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 3, Owen Vaught, — Dale Parkerson
10, Joseph M. Fitch, — Cecil Rice
17, Floyd E. Morrical, — Preston H. Somers
24, Hugh D. Rice, — Charles E. Fuchshuber

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

E. T. Fusselman, Captain, A-86261, Wm. H. Crouse, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Don J Eyer, Robert D. Koontz, Eppie R. Baker, Wm. E. Munro, George R. Bruckman.

Official Board will meet on Wednesday evening June 6 at 8 o'clock.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Charles T. Paul Circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon, June 6, at the home of Mrs. O. G. Schell, 3010 S. Lafayette St. Mrs. E. L. Harris is in charge of the Program, Mrs. J. M. Miller will give devotions.

Dr. Royal C. Dye Circle will meet Wednesday afternoon, June 6, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College, will be hostess, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will give a paper on "Christianity or Communism." Mrs. Durfee will give Devotions.

The Paul C. Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. M. G. Heller, 3224 S. Broadway on Wednesday afternoon, June 6. Mrs. J. R. Coar is in charge of program. Mrs. Arza Smith will give devotions.



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TWO DIFFERENT APPROACHES BY TWO BUSINESS MEN AND NOTE THE MARKED DIFFERENCE IN RESULTS

Mr. Lon Sullivan, Executive Vice-President of the Georgia Division of the American Cancer Society, according to the "Atlanta Constitution," told the story of two manufacturers of his acquaintance, both thriving in their business and both of whom had led budget committees in their churches.

He first explained his success succinctly: "I simply had the 'guts' to say 'No' every time anyone mentioned anything that cost money."

The other, a Swede who had worked his way up from the bottom, said that his church announced it needed Seventeen Thousand Dollars when he took over the chairmanship of the budget. "Why anybody can see this institution needs more than Seventeen Thousand Dollars," he boomed. "Survey it, and see exactly what it needs." A shocked brotherhood surveyed the church. Their reports showed Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars was needed. They raised Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars. Sullivan said: "And that man told me, 'We simply worked as hard for two weeks for our church as we do the rest of the year to make money for ourselves.'"

Clipped—Vine Street Visitor

MEN'S FORUM

**FATHER and SON'S BANQUET
SUNDAY 5 to 7 P.M.**

Triple program of entertainment and inspiration of interest to every man and boy

Mr. Ogden and his musical organization.

Mr. Al Franke, as Magician par excellent.

Chief Eisenhower with message from his wide experience as head of our Law Enforcement Department.

The Rebecca Circle
is serving the dinner.

Our Officers in
Best Form

Phone in reservations at once.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "WHAT IS THE RIGHT WAY?"

PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Keep up our good program.

No Rest At Hazel Green

June, July and August were anything but vacation months at Hazel Green Academy in the mountains of Kentucky.

Walls and floors in the administration building and the girls' and boys' dormitories were painted and varnished. Construction continued on the new building to house the Jot 'Em Down Store and the laundry. There was planting, cultivating and harvesting of farm crops, and stock to be cared for.

In June a district meeting of missionary societies brought 144 women from the Christian Churches of the area to the campus for a day. Some of the Academy students had part in the program, and everyone enjoyed the picnic lunch.

The pastor of the Hazel Green Christian Church, with his wife and Academy staff members and students, conducted vacation Bible schools in Hazel Green and two outlying communities. A church bus, recent gift of local church people, was driven twenty

miles each day to bring in children to the Hazel Green school. Many of those children, and

others, have continued to ride the bus to Sunday school and church services which are held in the Academy buildings since the church burned last spring.

The Eastern Kentucky Young People's Conference met on the campus in July. About 120 students and staff were accommodated in the dormitories. Some of the Academy staff teach in this conference each year.

Hazel Green alumni look forward to Homecoming each year in August. Hundreds of former students and friends of the Academy spent two days this year in fellowship and in planning for the future of the school.

September brought the opening of the new school year and, no doubt, relief from "vacation" chores.

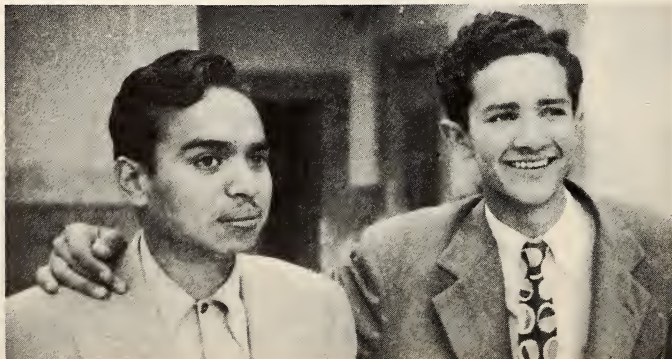


Candidates for the Ministry

Roberto Macias and Rolando Andrade are candidates for the ministry in our Mexico Mission. Rolando is the son of Arturo Andrade, pastor of the

Christian Church in Aguascalientes.

Their training will include two years in Union Theological Seminary in Mexico City.





Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Phil. 4:8

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HONORABLE MENTION

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

The following members have been received into our Church:

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moody, Mrs. George Sowers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Voke, Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook, Mr and Mrs. Estel Grier, Richard E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cole, Miss Nancy Gindlesparger, Arthur L. Gernhardt, Mrs. Richard Clendenen, Mr. Paul A. Strawser, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy B. O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil David, Mrs. Laura Sherer, Herman E. Utterback, Mrs. Ethel Akers, Carolyn Cline, Susan Rousseau, Dale Hiler, Jr., Marshall Smith, Sharon Smith, Rosalie Bowker, Patricia Planton, Alan Blanton, Patty Blanton, Virginia Schrecongost, Arlene Smell, Mrs. Eliabeth Sorg, Robert Ray Sorg, Herman Sorg, Jr., Margaret Sorg, Louise Sorg, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. White, Mr. and Mrs. James Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kernan, Robert Kernan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Elden Stoops.

We bid them a most cordial welcome with God's blessing.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

The following children received the prayers of our Church for themselves, their homes and parents: Julie Ann Hendrickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson; Mary Ellen Stoops, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Stoops; Cynthia Louise Yentes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes; Dee Ellen Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell.

GENERAL COUNCIL CIRCLE MEETINGS

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, 2918 Bowser Ave, on Tuesday, June 12, at 1:45 P.M. The Circle will hold a bake sale at this meeting. Mrs. C. W. Winfield will bring devotions.

The Allen Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave., for a pot-luck dinner on Thursday, June 14 at 12:30. Mrs. Siples will give the devotions and Mrs. Robert T. Beck will present the program.

The Dr. Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Alma Beck, 533 E. Wayne St., on Monday evening, June 11th.

TO CHOIR MEMBERS

Mrs. Voke wishes to thank all the Choir members of the Adult and Children's Choirs for their contributions to our Worship. She wishes all of them a wonderful summer vacation.

CONGRATULATIONS! 1951 GRADUATES

We congratulate our graduates and wish them every good during the years before them. Kenneth Schrecongost, Miss Jeanette Redding, and Dean Yoquelet have graduated from High School and Miss Carol Yoquelet, Miss Bonnie Fusselman, Sylvan Young, Lloyd Flowers, Miss Nellie Buchanan, Miss Karen Branstrator, Miss Barbara Rudicel and Miss Sally Coleman are a few of our young people who are graduating from Elementary Schools.

PARABLE OF A FAMILY

There was a woman who needed a washing machine. She and her husband went shopping and selected the machine of her choice. The price was \$250.00. Quite a price, but they arranged it in monthly payments of \$12. each. The woman felt that her life was blessed.

This same family desired a television set. Television had not yet come to Ft. Wayne, but knowing that it would soon arrive they started saving \$10 a month for what they called "television day."

They needed some other things around the house. They lumped them all together and managed easily on 13 monthly payments.

This same family loved their church. Everybody agreed that they must have a new church building. They talked it over and decided that nothing could add more to their happiness as a family than this beautiful new church building. Therefore, they concluded that within the family budget \$15. a month should be added for this great and greatly desired blessing. They lived happily ever afterwards.



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SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude — 10:05 A.M.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOW ON SUMMER SCHEDULE

Plan your Sunday trips to be In Church for Worship first

SERMON: "Taking The Hazard"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

Mrs. Robert J. Coke is the Soloist for this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

NO OPENING EXERCISES. The students will go directly to Classes.

Will be dismissed at 10:00 A.M.

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MEN UNASHAMED TO PRAY

(A meditation on Father's Day and Flag Day)

We must re-awaken in our hearts the passionate conviction of the Founding Fathers. Father's Day is a fitting time to recall that our Founding Fathers wrote their convictions into the Motto of our Country: **IN GOD WE TRUST.**

We Fathers of today must once more be unashamed to pray . . . unafraid to place our destiny in God's hands. We must leave this heritage to our children.

Sunday is Church Day. Attend Church this Sunday. Your faith is made active as you go to Church regularly and support it financially. Find ways to give it more of your time and your strength.

Sunday, with your fellow Americans, seek the strength and confidence that only faith in Eternal Truths can give you. America needs such a faith today, in you—in all of us. It alone can bring us victory. It alone can give meaning to our future.

Meet the Allans

Mr. and Mrs. Archie A. Allan are missionaries to Jamaica, our oldest mission field, commissioned by the United Society. For four years they served alone, but in 1948 were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson.

On this small island south of Cuba, the Jamaicans are handicapped by years of slavery to the English who own the land. They must combat unemployment, the lack of educational opportunities, and the practice of witchcraft.

The mission has 34 churches and chapels in the city of Kingston and in the hill country to the north and east. There are eight national pastors to share in the leadership.

The Allan family makes its home near Oberlin Christian Church in a rural area. From a hilltop spring he has piped water to the house, and has installed a generator which supplies electric lights for about four hours daily.

One of the finest contributions to Jamaica is Christian College, a secondary school, established a year after they went to the field. For five years it met in Oberlin Church but this year, with the aid of students, he built a classroom building beside the church. Enrollment is now about forty, some coming miles each day. Few, if any, of these could have attended school beyond primary grades except for Christian College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Allan are teachers in the school.



Archie Allan, left, greets two deacons from Mt. Industry Church. At right, Mrs. Allan with Betty and Donnie. Their older daughter, Barbara, is in school in the States.

Mr. Allan is also pastor of Mt. Industry Church, about seven miles away. He preaches every other Sunday, and gives one day a week to the church.

The missionaries are leaders in a community of perhaps 2,000 people who look to them for spiritual guidance, aid in financial emergencies, and counsel in community affairs.



The Christian Home

A high point in the summer program of Christian education was the National Conference on Education of Christian parents at Lake Geneva, Wisc., in July.

The evangelistic emphasis of the church family was stressed. The report of one work group said, "The first and most important place where persons live together is the home. It is the training ground for their relations with other human beings . . . Therefore, to accomplish its purpose of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, the church must put the home at the center of its program."



**Have love. Not love alone for one,
But man, as man, thy brother call;
And scatter, like a circling sun,
Thy charities on all.**

Friedrich von Schiller

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OUR NEW SANCTUARY

In times of testing the Church is seen at its greatest. No institution can put heroic fiber and courage into the people as can the Church. This was seen in the heroism of our ancestors that founded this Nation.

In such faith our purpose and lives are strengthened, giving meaning to our children. Our Church history will record that in the days of National Crises, the First Christian Church was building. Our beautiful new building will abide for generations as a testimony to our faith.

The footings have been placed. Now re-inforced concrete foundations will be laid. Enter into the joy of builders of God. Look over this construction whenever you can.

TO CAMP

Martha Jeannette Beck, Patricia Blanton and Dale Hiler will represent First Christian at Chi Rho Camp on Winona Lake next week.

WEDDING BELLS

Since January 1, wedding bells have rung for Robert Quinn and Ilean Ann Shuff, Robert Lee Daring and Jacqueline Brinkman and Arthur L. Gernhardt and Nancy Gindlesparger. We congratulate these couples and wish them every happiness in the years ahead.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Ida Mae England is recuperating from injuries received in a fall at her home, 314 E. Pontiac St. Mrs. Roy Finton is a patient in Room 306, Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Louise Hostman is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital. Mrs. David Hogg underwent surgery at Mayo Brothers Hospital on last Monday. Mrs. Don Eyer left Tuesday to be with her sister.

Our prayers are with these friends during these trying hours.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our sincere sympathy to Walter Rodgers and his family in the recent death of his mother, Mrs. Wm. C. Rodgers, Paramount, Calif. Mrs. Rodgers leaves a host of friends in First Christian where she was a member, with her family, for many years.

AN INVITATION

The wedding of Mr. William J. Conrad and Miss Elaine M. Jones will be solemnized at the First Christian Church on Thursday evening, June 21, at 7 o'clock, preceded by an Organ recital at 6:30. Friends of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council will meet on Tuesday, June 19th. Executive at 1:30. The Dr. Royal C. Dye Circle is in charge of the Program, Rev. Paul Kepple Circle will bring devotions. The Allen Huber Circle will furnish special music and refreshments will be served by the Mrs. Chas. T. Paul Circle. Mrs. Robert T. Beck is in charge for installation of Officers for year 1951-52. All elected officers and Circle presidents are requested to be present for this Service.

The General Council will hold a Bake sale at Wolf and Dessauer's on Friday, June 22. Volunteers will be needed to conduct this sale. Two from each group, if possible.

BROTHERHOOD YEAR ENDS JUNE 30th

Please bring your pledge to date so our record to Unified Promotion (Our Brotherhood Causes) will represent your great Church.

THEY CONTINUE TO COME

We are pleased to see that our people are a growing congregation. Most every Sunday sees another family added to our beloved Church.

NOTES

Friends of Mrs. Rhoda Depotty, one of our members, will be interested to know that a very fine picture of her, in her room, at the Emily Flinn Home, was featured in a recent issue of "Family Talk."

Copies of our Daily devotions magazine, "The Secret Place" for July, August, September, may be obtained at the Church.



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Organ Prelude — 10:05 A.M.

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SERMON: "Mexican Experience"

PREACHER: Mr. Paul Kepple

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

NO OPENING EXERCISES. The students will go directly to Classes.

Will be dismissed at 10:00 A.M.

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VISIT OF OUR LIVING LINK

Paul C. Kepple, Living Link Missionary, with Mrs. Kepple will be with us Sunday. He will occupy the pulpit and bring the message.

Picnic Dinner to follow Sunday Morning Service.

Men's Forum Robert Koontz, president, will reserve tables in Foster Park. Kepple Circle, Mrs. Earl Fusselman, president, will have charge of dinner. In case of rain the dinner will be held in the basement.

This is your opportunity to meet and talk with our Living Link Missionary and his wife. Pack your basket—bring it to church with you and **enjoy Sunday.**

Missionary Furloughs

Eight missionaries from Belgian Congo arrived for furlough this summer. Among them were Dr. Don Conwell and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paget who have just completed their first term of three years. Others from Congo were Misses Martha and Georgia Bateman, Miss Ruth Musgrave, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Gray Russell.

Sailing from the United States this summer, en route back to the mission field, were Mrs. Esther Snipes, Mrs. Virginia Clarke, Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Weeks, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Lewis. With them went two new couples—Dr. and Mrs. Keene Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMillan. According to the requirements of the Belgian government, all of these will study in Belgium before continuing on to Congo.

Also arriving this summer for furlough were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lemmon of Paraguay. They first went as missionaries to South America in 1917.

Arriving from China in August were Mr. W. W. Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bates. Mrs. Haskell has been in the States a little more than a year.

Miss Margaret Lawrence, whose regular assignment has been with the China Mission returned to the States in August. She has spent this last year in Japan while seeking to re-enter China, and expects to give this year to visiting among the churches and speaking on behalf of missions.



New hospital building, East Tokyo Institute.

Service To The Needy

East Tokyo Institute, Tokyo, Japan, is a social service center conducted by our Japan Mission. About 45,000 persons annually go through its clinic. The hospital has a 50-bed capacity and a staff of four doctors and six nurses.

Mr. Shozo Endo, superintendent of the Institute for more than ten years, is assisted by missionaries and pastors of Christian Churches in the city.

Other services, in addition to the hospital, include a day nursery, a weekly Sunday school and worship service, and religious work among patients.

The Jewell Pool Orphanage outside the city is a post-war extension service of the Institute. Here many of the abandoned babies of Tokyo have been given Christian love and care.

Spiritual Foundations

Surely, as a people, we must strengthen the religious and spiritual foundations of our daily lives if we are to meet successfully the many and complex problems which confront our Nation. Man cannot live by bread alone; and an over-preoccupation with material things will not take us on down the path toward genuine freedom, justice and happiness. The firmer grasp we have on the truths of both the Old Testament and the New Testament, the nearer we shall come to achieving our inmost democratic ideals.

—HARRY S. TRUMAN

A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

As to the seer in ancient time
The angel came with coal aflame,
And touched his lips that he might speak,
O God, in Thine almighty name—
So to us in this later day
Send down a purifying ray.

Put forth Thy hand and touch our mouths—
Whose holy task it is to teach
And guide the minds of eager youth—
That we may have inspiring speech.
Grant us vast patience, insight wise,
The open mind and heart and eyes.

—Marguerite Emilio



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OUR NEW SANCTUARY

The Building Committee says thanks a million to all those who are faithfully paying their pledges on the Building Fund. And it is noted that these have not reduced their regular giving to the Church. We have a consecrated body of Christians.

The latest forms are being used in the work of building the foundations of our church. **Drive by and see the progress being made.**

MESSAGES OUR OFFERING PLATES BRING

There is a saying that "money talks". It speaks a language that is effective for a Christian, money not only speaks, it prays.

But to listen to the prayers and hopes and the faith expressed on one Sunday morning in Church through our offering is most heartening.

Here is one envelope that represents \$15.00 per week from one family, here is another over seven dollars and when Church School is added it means over \$10.00 a week from this family. Here are two more at \$7.00 per week; here is one at \$5.50 per week; here are five at \$5.00 per week. Here are two at \$4.50 per week; here are three at \$4.00 per wk. 2 with \$3.50. Here are six envelopes representing 3.00 per week. Here is a check from one who no longer lives here. Here is \$5.00 from one out of city who pays regularly. There were 31 with \$2.00. Over a hundred envelopes with \$1.25 or more. There are many \$1.00 week envelopes and those under, which speak richly to God of their love, for they share with Him what they have.

What does this say—we believe in the Church. We have faith in God. Go preach, Teach, make disciples and we will carry out our Lord's will.

This also reveals **we have faithful Tithers**. These tithers are wonderful people, some weeks there are ten—fifteen—twenty dollars, or more, when some week is especially good to the Tither. Tithers are happy people.

When you come to Church Sunday ask God's blessing upon His people whose money keeps our church alive and actively growing; whose money proclaims the Gospel around the world.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. George Malcom underwent surgery last Friday at Methodist Hospital.

Mr. F. E. Morrical is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, where he is a surgery patient.

Michael Young suffered a broken arm. The accident happened on Sunday, June 10, while he was at play.

Mrs. E. R. Moser, 2816 Central Drive, fell at her home and fractured her arm.

Mr. Martin Wagner is ill at his home, 521 E. Masterson Ave.

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FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY SUNDAY

SERMON: "Freedom and the Solution for War"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

NO OPENING EXERCISES. The students will go directly to Classes.

Will be dismissed at 10:00 A.M.

OUR NEW CHURCH

In the book of Nehemiah we read, "Then I told them of the hand of God, which was good . . . and they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened hands for the good work."

Edgar Guest, the popular poet says, "God builds no churches, by His plan that labor has been left to man. God sends no churches from the skies, Out of our hearts must they arise."

To those who have the vision and the will is given the privilege of strengthened hands for the good work.

The time of building is a time of preparation. It is a time to build fine memories that you can cherish and pass on to your children's children. He is wise who strengthens his hand for the work of God in this strategic period of the history of First Christian.

Watch the Progress of our Building in the 4800 block on South Calhoun.

MUSIC IN FIRST CHRISTIAN

The adult choir is on regular vacation during July and August. We can indeed feel pleased with the quality of music we have had in First Christian during the last year.

The organ music has been dignified and some of the greatest musical numbers among the masterpieces have been played by our organist, Mrs. R. M. Scott.

Under the capable leadership of our Choir director, Mrs. Robert J. Voke, who is also a soloist of extraordinary ability, our choir has given some excellent interpretations of worthy Anthems.

Our soloists, Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Robert Fahl, Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mrs. Walter Rodgers, Mrs. Robert Ashe, Miss Shirley John-

Mission Trading Post

For the second year, the Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington, is conducting a Mission Trading Post on behalf of the Indians and their families. Clothing and articles for personal use are much in demand, especially in the winter months when a great many are on relief.

Used clothing and personal items, received from church groups, are sold through the Trading Post at a nominal sum, greatly to the benefit of the Indians.

From the miscellaneous supplies given, the needs of the children in the Mission home are first taken care of, then the families in the church conducted by the Mission. Many calls come for clothing for newborn infants. Some supplies are distributed through the medical clinic, others are used in the Sunday school.

Many new friends have been made on the reservation through this service.



Miss Anna Bender, who was on furlough last year, returned to her work in the India Mission on August 26. That the furlough was of great benefit to her was evidenced by her enthusiastic account of attendance at the Centennial Convention in Cincinnati; her report of visits in the churches of Kansas, her home state; her happy association with young people in four summer conferences, also in Kansas; and her profitable quarter's work in the University of Chicago where she took courses in nursing education.

Miss Bender has been a missionary

The Greatest Work

He built a house; time laid it in the dust;

He wrote a book, its title now forgot;

He ruled a city, but his name is not

On any table graven, or where rust

Can gather from disuse, or marble bust.

He took a child from out a wretched cot,

Who on the state dishonor might have brought,

And reared him to the Christian's hope and trust.

The boy, to manhood grown, became a light

To many souls, and preached for human need

The wondrous love of the Omnipotent.

The work has multiplied like stars at night,

When darkness deepens; every noble deed

Lasts longer than a granite monument.

—*Author Unknown*



Miss Bender Returns To India

Miss Anna Bender, who was on furlough last year, returned to her work in the India Mission on August 26. That the furlough was of great benefit to her was evidenced by her enthusiastic

nurse in India since 1920. When she left the States this time it was with the expectation of possible assignment to the Jackman Memorial Hospital at Bilaspur. However, this would be only temporary for it is likely she will soon be back at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Pendra Road where she has been superintendent since 1928.

During the difficult years of the depression, when the sanatorium was solely our mission responsibility, Miss Bender and Dr. Elizabeth Lutz kept it operating without a budget. Since then other missions have joined in its support. Its field of service has been greatly increased, for it is the only tuberculosis sanatorium in this area. Miss Bender continues as our representative. Other members of the staff are Indians.



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Of Me

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son, Miss Donna Leversee and others, have served when they could, to mention only a few of our ladies.

The finished solo work of Mr. Owen Vaught and the faithfulness of David and Harry Griggs and Harry Donelson and others, have put us in debt to these people who have added so much to our worship.

We feel these, each one, look upon their work as a privilege of service to Christ and His Church rather than a professional performance.

During the summer, capable soloists will provide our special music.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WEICKERS

News has reached us that Jack Weicker, having completed his studies at Indiana University will teach at the Harrison Hill School this coming winter. This is good news to First Christian where Mr. and Mrs. Weicker have always been active.

Mrs. Weicker is one of our best soloists. She is always generous with her talent and has a host of friends here. Mr. Weicker who is a Phi Beta Kappa and has been studying under a fellowship at the University has been one of our very fine teachers. The Weickers have two fine children. We say, "Welcome Home."

ELDERS SCHEDULED FOR JULY

July 1—Robert E. Clipp, Glenn R. Miller

July 8—Joseph M. Fitch, Floyd E. Morrical

July 15—Cecil Rice, Dale Parkerson

July 22—Charles Fuchshuber, Preston H. Somers

July 29—Alan C. Bell, Hugh D. Rice

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Henry M. Flowers, Captain, K-2220; Meldren Kreps, James R. Schockney, J. W. Haffner, Chester Follis, Cecil Kinzie, Dale C. Hiler.

INDIANA ADULT CONFERENCE

For all Church Leaders at Butler University School of Religion, August 5-10, 1951 Registrations by July 24: \$10.00. This includes all cost except meals and travel. Meals will be served in the School cafeteria. Faculty:

Mrs. L. A. Crown, General Secretary, Illinois Christian Women's Fellowship—

"The Women in the Work of the Church."

Dr. Donald F. West, Executive Secretary of India and the Philippines, U.C.M.S.

"A Faith to Live By."

Manly Morton, Missionary to Puerto Rico—"Neighbors Across the Sea."

Miss Alice M. Drake, Pennsylvania Director of Christian Education—

"The Spiritual Growth of Youth Leaders."

Dr. Walter W. Sikes, Department of Societal Welfare, U.C.M.S.—

"A Christian and Social Problems."

Archie Mackey, Pastor of First Christian Church, Hammond—

"The Church Functioning Effectively."

Dr. F. E. Smith, Former Executive Secretary of Pension Fund—

"A Survey of the Gospels."

AMONG OUR SICK

Word comes that Mrs. David Hogg is slowly improving. She is a patient at Mayo's. Mrs. Chas. B. Whitman fell and fractured her hip and ankle. She is in the Methodist Hospital. The little daughter of Robert Koontz is ill at her home. Mrs. C. R. McMaken is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

THE KEPPLES

The visit of our Living Link, Mr. Paul Kepple and his wife is always an event. We are proud of the work he is doing. Mrs. Kepple has plans for a book composed of stories she has written for children about Mexican life. One of her stories was given by Mary Esther Hopkins on Children's Day. There is an article about "Mountain of Light" in this next month's **World Call**.

Our picnic at Foster Park was most enjoyable. Congratulations to Mrs. E. T. Fusselman and The Paul Kepple Circle. And to Robert Koontz and the Men's Forum. Mr. and Mrs. Kepple stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar.

Our Pastor Broadcasts Sunday 10:15 P. M. Over WOWO



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PREACHER: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

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A DISTINCTIVE CHURCH

LOOK at the drawing of our new church at the top of the page. It is a distinctive church for a creative faith in our dynamic city.

In 1871 a small pioneer group determined to form a Christian church in Fort Wayne. They had met in homes and halls, and the Court house. The first church building was erected. In a little over two decades the building proved inadequate. A new building was erected. It does not now meet the needs of the First Christian Church so we are building this new modern church, where there will be room to care for the needs of our growing congregation for generations.

There is a reason. Our church is deep in the tradition of the First centuries of the Christian spirit. Emphasizing common sense and the freedom and simplicity of the disciples of the early church, we are a people with a religion freed from the controversy and compromises of the accumulated creeds of 19 centuries.

So Disciples of Christ have grown in this community until there are over 3000, in all churches of this faith in Allen County.

First Christian has been held together by the belief that religion is a growing and developing force and that the real test is Christ. Our allegiance is not to a creed but to Jesus Christ. "If ye have not the spirit of Christ, ye are none of His." Ours is a personal religion.

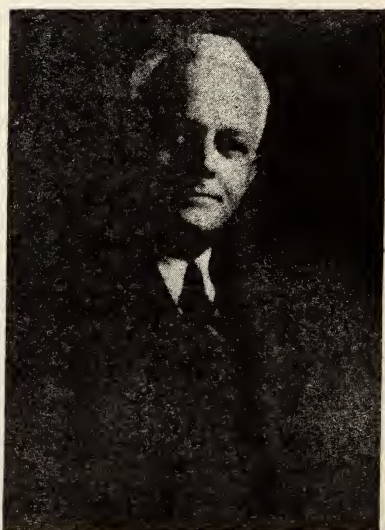
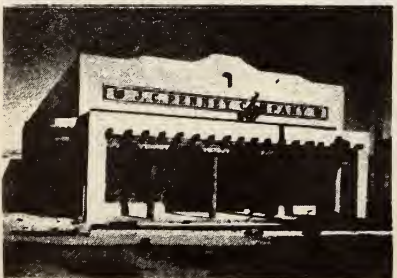
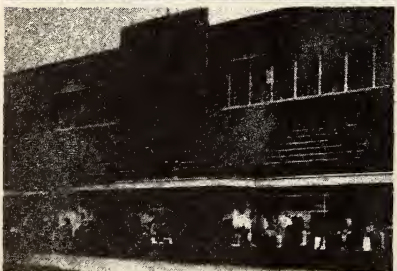
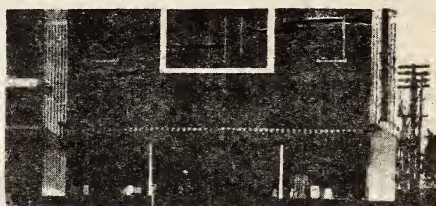
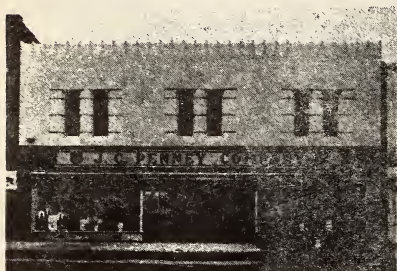
Many people moving into Fort Wayne are looking for our church and are eager to embrace its faith and practice in freedom, reason and tolerance, with one allegiance to our Lord and Master.

Ours is the largest communion born on this continent and is truly American. Look at the plan for this church. Arranged for dignified worship, with modern

A Great Merchant

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Speaks!



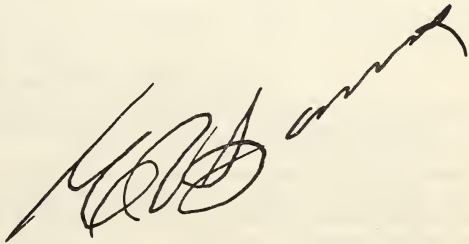
Mr. E. C. Sams is president of the J. C. Penney Company, whose 1,586 stores cover the entire nation.

Dear Friends:

"For many years I have tithed. Viewed from a purely business basis, tithing is sound, because it sets up a portion of one's income to be devoted to a given partnership and it does this in keeping with an ancient principle.

"Every man should recognize the partnership that he has with God, because that partnership will sustain him when other affiliations fail. We should never be unmindful of Him, who provides us with courage, and hope, and grace, and poise, and we should not overlook regular payments so that this Power can be strengthened and made more potent—not only to ourselves but to all people.

"Tithing pays not only in terms of personal satisfaction, but in increased contentment of spirit, improved morale, and intensified faith in one's own understanding."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. A. Rorer", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

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comfort. In it will be found a place for every need. Rooms for groups meeting for discussions and planning programs, recreation hall, fellowship rooms, small chapel, beautiful facilities for our children, a music room, a stage for dramatic productions, nursery, kindergarten, office, consultation room, quiet, friendly entrance and narthex. It is all there with a most beautiful exterior. A modern church for a progressive city. A church truly representative of our great people.

ON VACATION

Have received word and Church bulletins from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, Miss Sarah Shroyer and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ogden.

GENERAL COUNCIL RUMMAGE SALE — JULY 17-18

Christian Women's Fellowship Picnic, **July 24** at Memorial Park at 6:00 prompt. This is for all families of the Church, sponsored by the C.W.F.

NOTES

Miss Doris Beck, our pastor's sister, underwent surgery at Robert Long Hospital in Indianapolis. She is doing well. Miss Beck is a contributor to our Building Fund.

TEN HELPS FOR YOUR PASTOR

1. Pray for him.
 2. Believe in him.
 3. Stand by him.
 4. Talk him up.
 5. Give him a fair trial.
 6. Treat him generously in every way.
 7. Help him to conserve his time for study.
 8. Listen to him with an open mind.
 9. Praise him when he preaches well.
 10. Criticize him only to his face and then always in love.
- Protestant World

STEWARDSHIP

If I have strength, I owe the service of the strong.	For any gift God gives me I cannot pay,
If melody I have, I owe the world a song;	Gifts are most mine when I most gave them all away.
If I can stand when all around my post are falling,	God's gifts are like His flowers which show their right to stay,
If I can run with speed when needy hearts are calling,	By giving all their bloom and fragrances away;
And if my torch can light the darkening night	Riches are not in gold nor land estates nor marts,
Then I must pay the debt I owe with living light.	The only wealth worth having is found in human hearts.

—Chas. Woods in Baptist and Reflector

BISHOP HITS CHURCH BINGO

NORFOLK, VA.—Bingo has no place in the church, delegates to the Southern Virginia diocesan convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church here were told by their bishop, the Rt. Rev. George P. Gunn.

"If the Church of God has fallen to the low level of supporting itself by bingo and other gambling devices," Bishop Gunn said, "then it should no longer call itself a representative of the most High and Holy God, but should close its doors and go out of business."

Bishop Gunn indicated that it was necessary for him to talk about bingo because "there is yet a question in the minds of some persons on the subject."

"There are still some church people," he said, "who approve of gambling being endorsed by the church."

—R.N.S.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude — 10:05 A.M.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOW ON SUMMER SCHEDULE

Plan your Sunday trips to be In Church for Worship first

SERMON: "PEOPLE YOU LIKE IN THE CHURCH"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

NO OPENING EXERCISES. The students will go directly to Classes.

Don Grissom taught the **Come Double Class** last Sunday. John Craig will teach the Class this Sunday.

ONLY FAITH IN GOD CAN MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THESE TIMES

The Church has faced idolatry and false religion - but never has it faced as today, an atheism organized, aggressive and deadly, with a world wide program.

The answer to this challenge is an active faith in God - Only when men and nations discover in and through **Divine Aid**, the solution to current perplexing problems will they achieve the personal living and the kind of a world they desire. Our churches must provide the basic answer.

Over 30 million Americans are going to Church this week. They will show their faith in God, the faith on which our forefathers founded this nation.

In suporting the building of a Sanctuary and educational plant that will inspire our people and our community with the importance of making our lives reverent and effective through the Church, the people of First Christian are making a definite contribution in strengthening and preserving our nation by turning people to the worship of God and to Christian service.

Drive by our beautiful location and see the activity that is going on and ask God to bless the plans of our hearts and the work of our hands.

The Arthur A. Everts Jewelry Company Is
One of America's Greatest Jewelry Stores. . .
Mr. Everts and His Son, Both Are Ardent
Tithers. . . Their Business Is Truly

"A Partnership with God"



ARTHUR A. EVERTS
Twice President of National
Jewelrmen's Association



ARTHUR A. EVERTS JEWELRY STORE
Dallas, Texas

Arthur A. Everts says:

"I believe a Christian deserves no more credit for paying God's sacred tenth than he deserves for paying his debt to his grocer!

"We began paying God's tithe 40 years ago on a small salary, with kiddies to clothe and home to pay for. This was at the very time we needed divine guidance most. Tenth paying certainly made Christ more real to us; and we found it easier to pay much more for God, both in tithes and offerings, than we had ever hoped.

"Dwight Moody used to say, 'When you go in partnership with Almighty God, make preparation for big things.' It's a sure thing that since we got on the square with Christ in tithing

that God has increased our happiness, our homes, our usefulness, and our prosperity more than ten times. Jehovah has truly opened the windows of happiness and usefulness and rebuked the devourer for our sakes.

"So, you, don't be an easy mark for the devil, the biggest liar the world has ever known, when he tells you that you can't afford to be honest with God, your best friend."

ARTHUR A. EVERTS.



MYRON S. EVERTS
Past President of American
Jewelrmen's Association

Myron S. Everts says:

Tithing is Fun!

"I have had many people tell me that they could not

afford to tithe. After tithing, they do not see how they can afford not to tithe.

"It is a real pleasure to greet your friends when they come in soliciting funds for a worthy cause and be happy about it because you have already thought about the worthy cause and have allotted part of your tithe for it.

"Your conscience never hurts you in the middle of the night—wondering whether you have done your share or not—and, best of all, you know that you are cooperating with God's plan of financing His kingdom."

MYRON EVERTS.

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PARENTS STOP—LOOK—and ACT WISELY

A nickel for Sunday School Offering at 9:30 A.M. Sunday and 25c for an ice cream soda at 4:00 P.M. — — — is poor training.

The buying power of the teen-ager has arrested the attention of business today. Large scale advertising is being used to attract the money of our youth.

INCOME OF TEEN-AGERS

Boys and girls 13 to 19 earn or receive allowance between
8 and 10 Billion annually.

Ages 13-15 earn \$1.76 have allowances of \$2.27

Ages 16-17 earn 5.42 have allowances of 3.12

Ages 18-19 earn 22.90 have allowances of 2.66

Six out of ten boys have allowances
Seven out of ten girls have allowances
64% of boys earn money
43% of girls earn money

As a twig is bent, the tree is inclined.

If we neglect to teach stewardship to Youth today,

we can expect meager support of the Church 20-30 years from now.

You help Youth to be **Christian** when you teach them to **tithe**.

RUMMAGE SALE

The **C.W.F. Rummage Sale** will be held at the same place on South Calhoun Street on **TUESDAY** and **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17-18**. Take your rummage there either the evening of the 16th after 7:00 o'clock or early Tuesday.

C.W.F. PICNIC

At Memorial Park Pavilion at 6:00 o'clock prompt on **Tuesday, July 24**. This is for all families of the Church, sponsored by the C.W.F.

OUR PASTOR

Our pastor will deliver the vesper addresses and teach a Class on "The Christian Family Life" at the Ohio Adult Conference at Bluffton, Ohio, July 15-21st.

BROADCAST JULY 29th.

Our minister will Broadcast over WOWO (1200 on your dial) Sunday evening, July 29th at 10:15 P.M.

PROGRAM PLANNING PERIOD

July — August

The Executive committees of all organizations of the Church are expected to set up goals and programs for the period September 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952.

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NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Sarrazin have been on vacation and have given us the bulletin of the Church where they attended services.

Mr. and Mrs. John Craig and family spent their vacation on Crystal Lake, Michigan.

Our pastor was the recipient of a trout measuring over 18 inches which was caught by James Hirschy on his fishing trip up North. Our pastor reported that it was excellent eating.

Mrs. Charles Dare attended Rally Days for the Women's Organizations of The Christian Churches in Indiana at Bethany Park, South of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Heller are on a trip to California.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Chas. B. Whitman remains in the Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. C. R. McMaken has returned home.



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Organ Prelude — 10:05 A.M.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOW ON SUMMER SCHEDULE

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SERMON: "CONVINCING MEN OF GOD"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

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THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

(In order that our membership, especially the newer members, may know, we will in the next few issues, list the members of our Building Committee.)

HERMAN W. SIGRIST is chairman of our Building Committee. Mr. Sigrist has been a member of this Church for over 35 years, and has been a Trustee for many years. He has served as Elder, taught a Sunday School Class and served in many capacities. He is one of Fort Wayne's leading and most successful business men. He is the founder of Sigrist Furniture Company, operator of large farms in Northern Indiana and has a nation-wide reputation as an Auctioneer, and is a lecturer at the Decatur Auctioneer School. He is a member of the Memorial Hospital Board. A loyal and devoted supporter of our Church, he has given liberally of his time and money on our great building program. Mrs. Sigrist has been one of our most active members.

WALTER C. BIRKHOOLD is chairman of the Board of Trustees, and has been most active in looking after the business affairs of our Church for many years. He has served as Elder and is most faithful in attendance. Mr. Birkhold, in addition to being a Real Estate broker, has served in the receivership of the First National Bank, was an executive on the Rent Control Board and has had a prominent part in the business activities of Fort Wayne. He is a loyal and generous supporter of the Church and is giving liberally of time and substance to our new Church Building. Mrs. Birkhold has been quite active in our women's organization.

THE CHURCH — *In Town and Country*

Seventy per cent of the churches of Disciples of Christ are rural. Reflecting the rapid shift of population from country to city, these churches count only 38 per cent of our total membership in their congregations. But that is more than one third of our members in the United States.

It is no wonder then that The United Christian Missionary Society gives thought to the rural church program.

The average membership of our rural congregations in the United States is 100. For the more than 5,000 churches in the open country or in towns of less than 2,500 population, there are 2,000 ministers. Many of these are students or business men who give only part time to the ministry.

The rural churches need leaders, those with special training for that ministry. The rural churches need better programs. Materials and programs for large city churches are not always appropriate for use in the town and country church.

Such needs are recognized as basic to the strengthening of the Christian ministry in the United States. To meet them the Department of Church Development and Evangelism of the Un-

ited Society seeks to recruit young men for the rural ministry, it offers opportunities for in-service training, it brings church leaders together in institutes for assistance in program building.

Pastoral unities are sponsored where two or more churches, located near each other, can work out their programs cooperatively. Assistance is given in the employment of a minister who will live in the area. More than 100 of these church unities are now functioning in the United States.

From the rural churches of Disciples of Christ come many of the strong leaders in the ministry and in missionary service. From them hundreds of families move each year into the cities to take their places in the urban churches.

The rural church is important to the life of our brotherhood.



Who makes a gift to missions
Is planting seed for good
From which will spring a tree of
life
To bear the fruits of brotherhood.

—Mayme Garner Miller

The rural church can be a strong force for good in its community.





*"The earth is full of the
goodness of the Lord"*



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ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL, great nephew of the great pioneer preacher Alexander Campbell, is a former Elder and now Trustee of the Church. He is the senior member of one of the leading legal firms in this part of the country. For 14 years he was U. S. District Attorney and was former Assistant U. S. Attorney General. He is a trustee of Indiana University. Mr. Campbell was the first President of our Men's Forum. He is a confirmed Disciple and has been liberal in giving of his time and legal Counsel in the work of our new Sanctuary.

CLAY M. ORCHARD, a former deacon, is now a Trustee of the Church. He and his family are devoted members. Mr. Orchard is one of the younger leaders in the field of Industry and heads the quality Engineering program at Salisbury Axle Co. He is active and faithful in the performance of his duty as Trustee. He has been a member of the Church since his youth.

SHERMAN G. MYERS, one of Fort Wayne's leading business men is Chairman of our Finance division. Under his leadership the finances of First Christian has reached an all time high. His counsel has been of real value to the building committee. He is regular in his attendance and liberal in his support of the Church. During the war Mr. Myers was purchasing agent for the Studebaker Corporation. Perhaps no one knows more about hardware than Mr. Myers, and he is part of the firm of the Main Hardware Store.

GAIL J. ROE, past president of the Men's Forum, deacon in the Church. Mr. Roe is the Civilian head of the Casad Storage division, the large Ordnance and Engineering Depot of the United States Army. He and his wife and daughter are among our most faithful members and liberal supporters. Mr and Mrs. Roe are Co-chairmen of our Co-chairmen Couples Organization.

(Continued next week)

Drive by our beautiful location and see the activity that is going on and ask God to bless the plans of our hearts and the work of our hands.

C. W F. PICNIC

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 24 at **MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION** at 6:00 o'clock **PROMPT.** GAMES and recreation is being planned for children and adults. This picnic is for all members of the Church, their families and friends. Bring your table service and picnic baskets and come join us in this fine fellowship and fun. Let us all do our part to make this occasion a success. We are depending upon **YOU.**

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Olive Lynn is recovering from minor injuries received in an automobile accident.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mr. Charles H. Krick, faithful member of this Church, passed away on July 16. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to his dear wife and family.

NOTES

Miss Mary Anderson has been on vacation and remembered her Church with a post card. We have received a bulletin of the First Christian Church of Miami, Florida, from Mrs. Laura Sherer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ogden sent greetings from Los Angeles to friends in the Church.

Our organist, Mrs. Lillian Scott, is vacationing on the West Coast, visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Murley.

BROADCAST JULY 29th.

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Organ Prelude — 10:05 A.M.

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SERMON: "The Secret of God Is Here"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

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THE BUILDING COMMITTEE — (Continued)

(In order that our membership, especially the newer members, may know, we will in the next few issues, list the members of our Building Committee.

HENRY M. FLOWERS, Vice-chairman of the Official Board, Deacon, is an active member of our Building Committee. He is heading up the Weekly Saving Bank Program for our new Church. Mr. Flowers is an executive of The News-Sentinel Company and sets up the headlines for the newspaper. Mr. and Mrs. Flowers are among our most loyal members.

DALE PARKERSON, superintendent of our Sunday School, Elder, owner and operator of The Parkerson Typewriter and Sales Organization, is an important member of our Church Officiary and Building committee. Mrs. Parkerson has taught in our Church School.

CECIL RICE is Elder of the Church and Chairman of the Official Board. He is a life long member of the Christian Church and comes from a family devoted to the Church. He is a teacher in the Public School System of this City and is very proficient as a Chairman.

MRS. OWEN VAUGHT is Clerk of the Church, past president of the Woman's Council and Secretary of the Church. She has been, with her husband, a member of First Christian for many years. She is very efficient. Mr. and Mrs. Vaught are liberal in their support of the Church and in faithful attendance and participation.

The Japan Mission is Growing

The Japan Mission of Disciples of Christ reports 178 baptisms last year, including 12 boys and 38 girls from the mission schools in Tokyo.

With 532 members remaining in 1946 out of 2,600 in pre-war years, membership has now increased to 852. The historic stations of Akita, Osaka, Fukushima and Tokyo continue as centers of the work.

One of the most outstanding reports from the Japan Mission last year is contained in these words: "Women's organizations—11; membership—238."

The church in Japan is growing. Four new missionaries commissioned by the United Society on June 20 will join the staff during the summer.

The Cover: Baptismal service by Pastor Nobundo Oda in Nakano Christian Church, Tokyo.

United Society Elects a New President

Dr. A. Dale Fiers, pastor of Euclid Avenue Christian Church, Cleveland, was elected president of The United Christian Missionary Society on June 21 at the annual meeting of the Society in Indianapolis. He succeeds Dr. H. B. McCormick who retired on June 30.

Dr. Fiers was chairman of the board of managers of the Society, 1949-50, and has been a member of the board of trustees for three years.

He is a graduate of Bethany College and Yale Divinity School, and has studied at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Except for two years

at Yale, he has held pastorates in Ohio since 1929.

In many ways Dr. Fiers has shared in other brotherhood activities. He served as dean of summer conferences, member of the Board of Higher Education, chairman of the program committee for the 1950 International Convention, trustee of Bethany College, and as delegate to the Conference on Church Union held at Cincinnati last January.

Until Dr. Fiers and his family take up residence in Indianapolis about September 1, Miss Jessie Trout, vice-president, will assume the duties of president of The United Society.



Mr. Fiers with Mr. Lewis McAdow, new chairman of the Board of Managers of the United Society.



***" . . . baptizing them in the name of the
Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."***

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BERTRAM W. LEVERSEE is former Elder, Superintendent of Sunday School and a most faithful member of this Church. He has had wide experience in building and excavating enterprises. He donated the excavation for our new Church building.

MRS. GRANT T. MUNSON is a capable business woman, handling the large estate left her by her husband, Grant T. Munson, former Trustee and much appreciated member of our Church. He was very liberal in the promotion and support of our building program. Mrs. Munson has five lovely children.

MRS. CHARLES E. DARE is President of the Women's Christian Fellowship, Deaconess, Church School Teacher, Conference Worker, Past President of P.T.A. and past Editor of State P.T.A. Magazine. Mrs. Dare is most loyal to the Church and makes a valuable addition to this Committee.

ALAN C. BELL Co-superintendent of the Church School and President of the Board of Elders is among the younger group of our Church. His co-operation is most helpful. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have made fine contributions to our Church Choir. Mrs. Bell is a vocalist of unusual ability.

ROBERT W. ASHE is past-president of the Board of Deacons and has an executive position at Capehart Farnsworth Company. Also of younger group, his suggestions are most valuable. Mr. and Mrs. Ashe and family are faithful in their Church relations.

ROLLAND R. RIPPLE—Chairman of the Board of Deacons, a teacher in the Public Schools of this city, and a teacher of young adults in our Church School, is a valuable man on the Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Ripple are faithful in their attendance and support of the Church.

ROBERT D. KOONTZ, Deacon and President of the Men's Forum, is one of the promising young business men of the city. He has been faithful in attendance at the meetings of the Building Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Koontz are one of the Co-chairman Couples for 1951 in our Church.

OUR PASTOR is a member of the Building Committee. His experience in three Church building programs has brought valuable experience as well as his information on plans and arrangements.

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OUR TIDINGS

This will be the last issue of the **Tidings for the Summer**. The next issue will come to you on **September 7**.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Aug. 5—F. Wayne Rousseau, Owen Vaught; Aug. 12—Joseph M. Fitch, Charles Fuchshuber; Aug. 19—Glenn R. Miller, Dale Parkerson; Aug. 26—Cecil Rice, Floyd E. Morrical; Sept. 2—Alan C. Bell, Robert E. Clipp.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Wm. E. Tracey, Captain, H-28554; Carter Palmer, Ralph Richard, Martin Brudi, Jay McCarel, J. E. Tracey, Eural G. Rose, R. R. Ripple, D. E. Coffman.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Albert Egly, in the recent loss of her sister, Miss Magdalena Stukeey.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class picnic will be held Saturday, August 11, at Lakeside Park Pavilion, at 6 o'clock. Please bring your table service, and picnic baskets.

ARE YOU GOING TO COLLEGE

The Church office wishes to secure the names of those going to college.

MEMBERSHIP AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Tidings are preparing a Membership, Business and Professional Directory.



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SUNDAY BEGINS OUR FALL PROGRAM

Read This Issue Carefully

Let's Join the fun
In '51
And see our Church through
In '52

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon subject: "The Great Christian Movement"

Those who attend the Laymen's Retreat will participate in Service.

Alan C. Bell, Paul A. Strawser, James R. Schockney, and our Pastor.

This promises to be a most interesting Service.

READ THIS ISSUE CAREFULLY

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Back to School

Negotiations are underway for our New Sound Projector

On with the Program

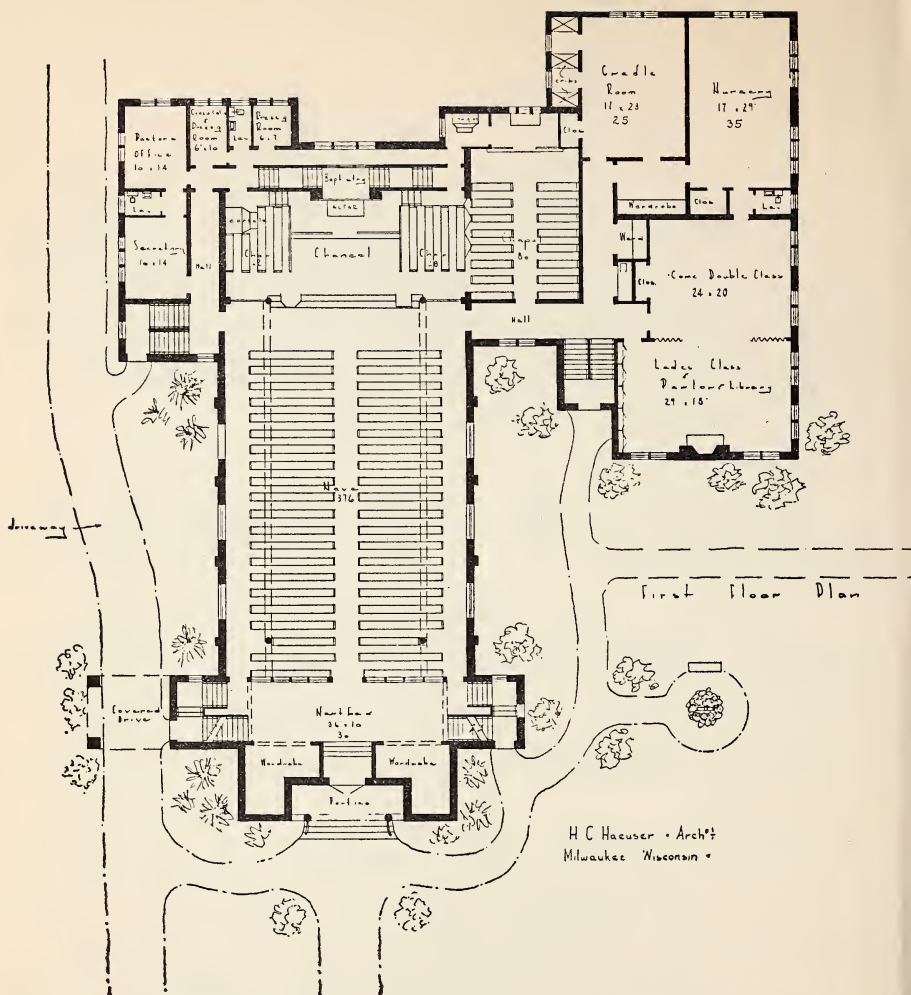
MEN'S FORUM

5:00 to 7:00 P.M. — Dinner

This is a program you can't afford to miss. Mr. Joseph F. Tucker will speak on "Letters from God." — The Dinner Committee is composed of Harry Griggs, David Griggs, Leonard E. Goode and Henry M. Flowers.

"Minute Spirations"

from our representatives at Layman's Retreat — Singing — Short Sound Film
Out by 7:00 P.M.



OUR NEW CHURCH

will be one of the most beautiful in this part of the country.

OPPORTUNITY plus YOU plus THE SPIRIT of CHRIST

give a total equal to Victory,

and forms the answer

to materialism and all other "isms" of our day.

In such a spirit of Victory we face the unfinished task

Work on our Church goes on—

Corner Stone will be laid Sunday, October 7th.

"This shall be God's House.

Of all Thou shalt give me I surely give"

Gen. 28:22

We have set aside and consecrated the ground to God—In His Name we shall lay the Corner stone and in His Name we shall bring and consecrate our gifts to His House.

Our priorities for steel and other essential materials, have been approved—NOW we must respond by giving God a priority on our possessions.

The total cost of Building and equipment will be \$375,000. To let contract now would cost 20 per cent more, in this we are fortunate.

It is with holy boldness that we come before God with our prayers and with consecrated Faith that we ask this great and loyal congregation to join in this great campaign to see our Church through.

The Finance Committee is asking for \$35,000, to meet this challenge. The Building plans are superb. Our building will accommodate, in class rooms for a church school of 700—and seating for our Easter Service over 800 in the sanctuary—around 500 for regular services. There is a social hall, stage for drama—a rumpus room for games, volley ball and basket ball—a beautiful nursery—beautiful parlor facilities for ladies and social occasions with kitchenette and every facility found in equipment of the most modern church plans.

NEEDED NOW \$35,000

The question each one has on his heart is "What is my part?" There is an insistent, "The very best I can do." This is the biggest thing in our life time. Think what it will mean. Our Building completely filled with 700 in Sunday School and over 800 in Worship. We need 300 gifts.

No. Gifts	Amt. Each Gift
1—	\$ 5,000
1—	3,000
1—	1,000
7—\$300	2,100
4—\$250	1,000
5—\$200	1,000
30—\$150	4,500
125—\$100	12,500
100—\$ 50	5,000
Miscellaneous	
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	\$35,000

DR. JOHN H. BOOTH

CALLED TO BE OUR LEADER

During 37 years Dr. Booth served as executive secretary of the Board of Church Erection of our Brotherhood, he became recognized as a brotherhood statesman of first magnitude.

In 1911, when he assumed leadership, it's funds totaled \$870,000. When he retired the funds aggregated \$3,400,000 and loans to churches totalled over \$14,000,000.

He has become a great leader among our churches as leader in fund raising campaigns in hundreds of churches. No one has been embarrassed by his methods or complained of "high pressure."

Dr. Booth will meet with the Building Committee Tuesday evening, September 11. Then on Friday evening he will meet with Board members anl their wives or husbands. He will preach in the Church on Sunday, September 16 and Sunday, September 23rd.

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THE BOOSTERS CLUB

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In '51

And see the new church through

In '52

Headed by Henry M. Flowers, the Boosters Club has been having many meetings, and have planned a most interesting program for the year 1951-52.

1. John Craig is chairman of Committee on promotion.
2. James Schockney heads the Speakers Committee.
3. Charles R. Chambers, Chairman, Arts and Publicity Committee.

HOSPITALITY COMMISSION

A new Commission headed by Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau will begin their program this Sunday. They will each serve one month each six months and will help make visitors and guests welcome.

Other members are Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Mrs. Harold Beck, Mrs. Robert Kernan, Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs. Virgil David, and Mrs. Harold Crowder.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September	2—Alan C. Bell,	Robert E. Clipp
	9—Hugh D. Rice,	Preston H. Somers
	16—Owen Vaught,	Dale Parkerson
	23—Joseph M. Fitch	F. Wayne Rousseau
	30—Cecil Rice,	Charles Fuchshuber

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Robert W. Ashe, Captain, H-03235; Robert E. Working, Herbert C. Banet, Gail J. Roe, J. L. Brubaker, W. H. Imbody, John S. Craig.

WEDDING BELLS

June 21, Miss Elaine Jones and William J. Conrad; June 23, Mrs. Rosetta Wood and Lewis Groves; July 7, Wilma C. Yost and Gerald W. Renner; August 24, Marilyn Richard and William R. Folsom. Congratulations and every good wish to these fine young people.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Norton, Wednesday, August 29. We wish to express our good wishes to the parents.

PROMOTED

Cecil Rice, Chairman of the Official Board, has been appointed principal of the South Wayne Public School. We congratulate Mr. Rice and extend our good wishes.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Charles Whitman is in the Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. I. W. Ditton is in the Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Cecil Rice has fractured her ankle.

The prayers of our church are with these people.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Read This Issue Carefully

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "Building The House of God"
Special Music: "God Is Love"

Preacher: Dr. John H. Booth
Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Teachers are to get certificates of Promotion ready for signature. Promotion Sunday, September 30th.

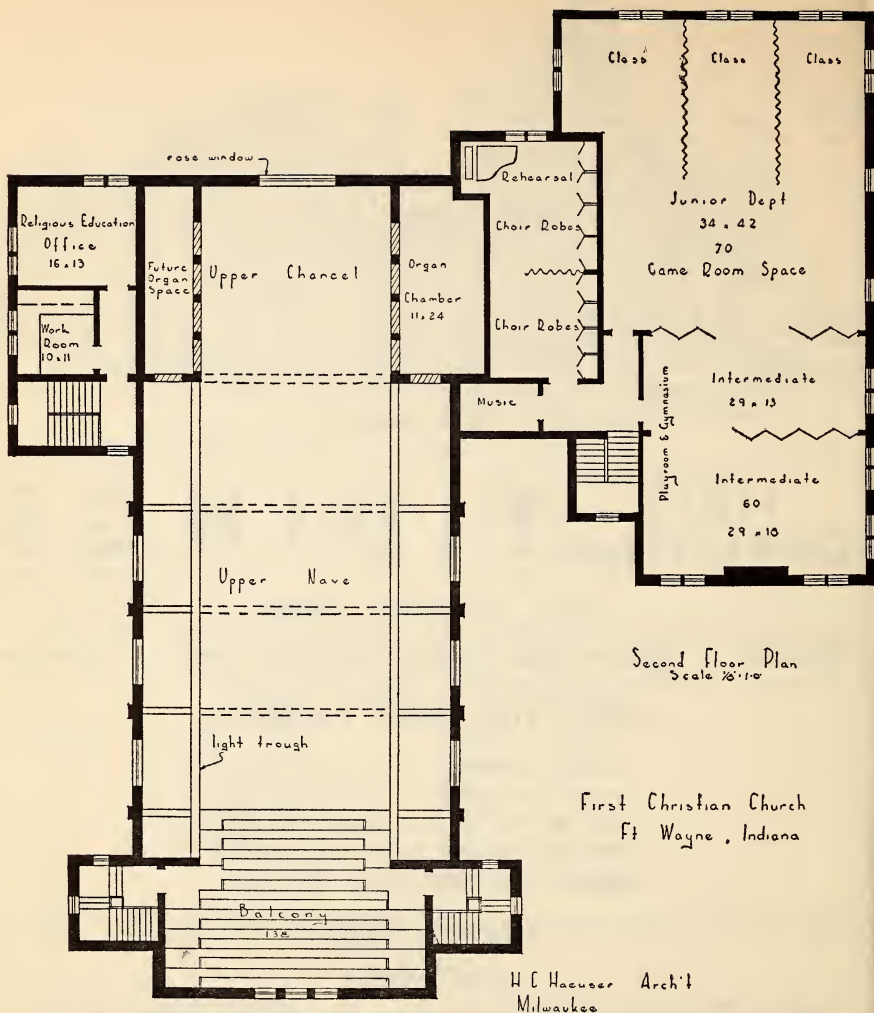
ALL CHURCH DINNER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — 6:00 P.M.

Cover dish dinner. Speaker, Dr. Booth will speak on "Where The Scriptures Speak." This will be a great experience for our Church. The Christian Women's Fellowship will be in charge of this dinner.

C. Y. F. OFFICERS

The C.Y.F. elected officers last Sunday evening: Donna Leversee,, president; Kenneth Schrecongast, vice president; Betty Rose, secretary; Sally Zimmerman, treasurer David Griggs is adult counsellor and leader.



Balcony and Second Floor

WHAT WE INTEND TO DO!

Many people have given sacrificially of their time in the work of planning and carrying through for the future of **our great church** to make it possible for us to serve more adequately this beautiful City of Fort Wayne.

Our new building will reflect the friendliness of this great congregation with its emphasis on fellowship and education and the worship of God.

Ours is one of the most beautiful sites in Fort Wayne. From this highest point of our City, our magnificent new Church will speak of the beauty of holiness and remind men of their obligation to Almighty God.

Our building is adequately adapted to a 7-day a week program. Our spacious lot will afford an adequate parking area, attractive outdoor recreational facilities and an outdoor vesper center.

The total cost of our building fully equipped will be \$375,000 which makes a total investment of over \$400,000. This is no small amount, but we are building for generations ahead. Eighty years ago this November our Church was organized by a small group. They planned for the future. We, now a hundred times their membership must plan for a great future for our people.

The cuts show plans for our basement and the second floor. There is a

separate room for every class and so arranged that every bit of the space can be used again and again. Look these over carefully with last week's cut of the first floor.

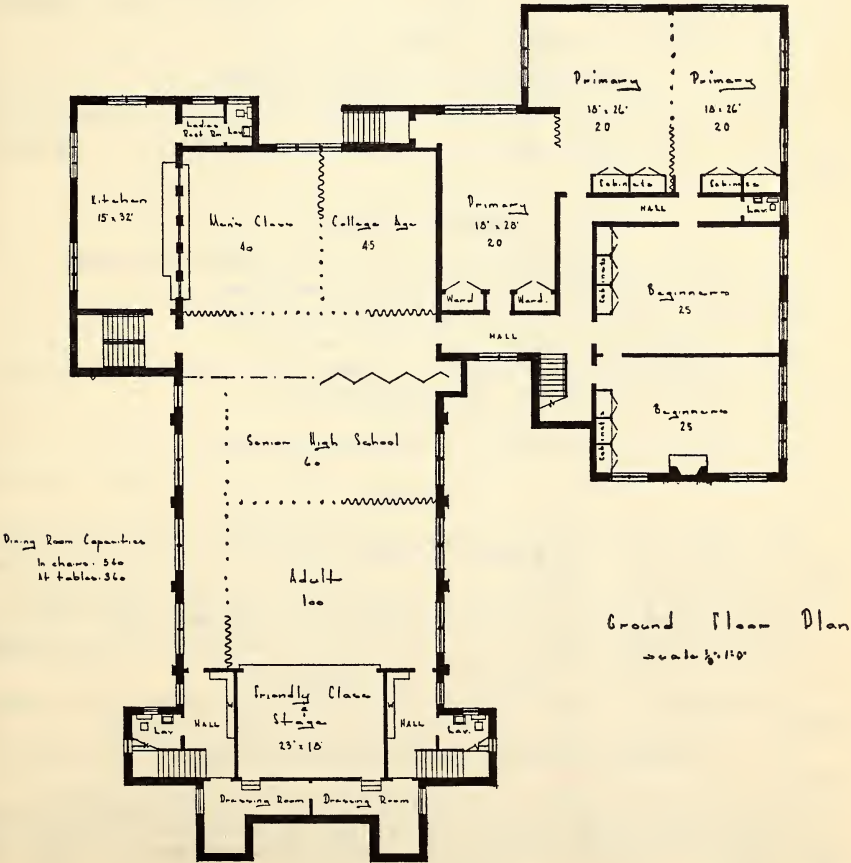
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1—	3,000	125—	\$100
1—	1,000	100—	\$ 50
7—	\$300	Miscellaneous	
4—	\$250		
5—	\$200		
	1,000		
CAMPAIGN TOTAL			\$35,000

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Fellowship Room and Class-rooms

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EVERYONE MAY HEAR DR. BOOTH THESE THREE TIMES

Sunday Morning — September 16th — 10:30 A.M.

"Building the House of God"

All Church Dinner — Tuesday Evening — 6:00 P.M.

(Covered dish — **bring table service**)

"Where the Scriptures Speak"

Sunday Morning, September 23rd — 10:30 A.M.

"Now Carry It Through"

A speaker of unusual power. Don't miss a single message.

Fill the Church for every Service.

Meeting — Supper dessert — Friday, the 14th — 6:00 P.M. for Board members,
wives and husbands, and other committees.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS HOMECOMING

The Progressive Class will hold their annual Homecoming Picnic Sunday,
September 16 immediately following the Morning Worship Services, at McMillen
Park.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Lois Pifher has returned to her home and is convalescing nicely.

Mrs. Mallie Reidt, 914 Monroe St., fell and broke her arm.

Mrs. Chas. B. Whitman is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. I. W. Ditton is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Glenn Miller's mother has suffered a stroke and has been confined to her
bed at her home near Lafayette. She is 84 years old.

E. R. Laden is in the Lutheran Hospital.

The prayers of our Church are with these people.

NOTES

Miss Mildred Hartman and Miss Mildred Hutchinson each received their
Master's Degree from Columbia University this Summer. Congratulations to these
faithful members of our Church

Mr. Jack Weicker is on the teaching staff of the South Side High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson will move into their beautiful new home which
they have had constructed this Summer, on Crescent Avenue.

We appreciated the flowers furnished by Mrs. E. N. Schlatter and Miss Sarah
Shroyer.

Mr. H. W. Sigrist is giving two baby cribs to the Nursery. Thank you, Mr.
Sigrist.

We all admire Mr. Sigrist and his son in the heroic way they took the fire loss
of their great store. They have the sympathy and good wishes of this Church in
whose affection they are held. May this terrible loss be turned into a greater
future for this store that has served our city so well.



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**Members — First Christian Church — Be sure to hear Dr. John H. Booth
Sunday Morning**

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: Now Carry It Through

Preacher: Dr. John H. Booth

Last Opportunity to hear Dr. Booth

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Protect your children — Educate your children. Bring them with you to the Church and give your home life the proper incentives and vision for Christian living.

SUNDAY C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

**Exchange Student from Norway to be Guest and will
tell of his experiences here in contrast to Norway.**

All youth are invited to the interesting meeting. Terry Loma, exchange student in South Side High School will be the guest of honor. He will tell and illustrate the costumes, costumes and religious practices in his Country.

YES - there will be refreshments and social get-acquainted period.

A CRITICAL HOUR

This church approaches a serious hour in its long history. Every member should face it. Due to higher costs of both labor and material the new church is costing far more than anticipated. Nobody is to blame for the situation unless it be Joe Stalin and we certainly will not let that dictator and his atheistic communists defeat us.

American Protestantism is on the march as evidenced by its greatest church building activities. Two billion dollars worth of new churches are now either in the blue print stage or under construction. This is also the greatest church building period in the history of the Disciples of Christ. Each year over one hundred new Christian churches are being dedicated over the Nation. The new Sanctuary and educational building here in Fort Wayne will be dedicated one year from now PROVIDED all members rally to the call for more money and pledges next Sunday.

The call will be made for pledges payable monthly from October 1st this Fall until October 1st, 1952. If every family responds with a pledge commensurate with the needs, and one that represents sacrifice, the \$36,000 required to finish the new building will be raised.

Every family should sit down together and talk it over. First try to count your blessings. It would be hypocritical to assume that God has not been good to all of us. Yes, God has never failed us. Has this Church ever failed to serve any of its members? I am sure it has not. This congregation has a membership of over one thousand. What would this congregation do without a church home?—just what many families have done that could not find a home in which to live. A family without a home often breaks up and is scattered. But you say, "that can't happen to us." As a Brotherhood servant, I have seen it happen. You have already done great deeds and your pastor believes in this congregation with all his heart and soul and he knows you will not let this divine and glorious project fail.

The founders of this church—your fathers and mothers—did not fail you of this generation and you will not fail the next generation who will be your children and grandchildren. Yours for victory,

JOHN H. BOOTH

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CONDUCTED TOURS

Last Sunday families visited our new building under construction. Guides were there to show and explain. One of our youngsters was listening, "gee, won't it be swell," he said. We urge you to keep this growing of our beautiful church in your memory's eye for the future by visiting the site frequently.

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CORNER STONE LAYING SUNDAY — OCTOBER 7th

PARABLE OF A FAMILY

There was a woman who needed a washing machine. She and her husband went shopping and selected the machine of her choice. The price was \$250. Quite a price, but they arranged it in monthly payments of \$15 each. The woman felt that her life was greatly blessed.

This same family desired a television set, they started saving \$10 a month for what they called "television day."

They needed some other things around the house. They lumped them all together and managed easily on \$13 monthly payments.

This same family loved their church. Everybody agreed that they must have a new church. They talked it over and decided that nothing could add more to their happiness as a family than this beautiful new church. Therefore, they concluded that within the family budget \$20 a month should be added for this great and greatly desired blessing. They lived happily ever afterwards.

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A speaker of unusual power. Don't miss this message. Fill the Church.
Workers will remain for lunch to be served by the Christian Women's Fellowship.

C.W.F. BAKE SALE

BARR STREET MARKET — Friday, September 28, Stall 45

We urge every woman in the Church to participate in the sale. Those who can, please send something to sell, those who cannot bake, please **plan to come and buy**. In this way we shall make a great success of this project. It will require all of us working together. Market opens at 3 P.M.

MISSIONS INSTITUTE (FOR ONE DAY ONLY)

at Wayne Street Methodist Church, September 27, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:15 P.M. For luncheon bring a sandwich. Pie and coffee will be furnished by the Hostess Church for 25c. Banquet at 6:30 P.M. Tickets \$1.00. An unusually fine program is being planned for this day. Mrs. Dorsey King of Indianapolis will be the Speaker.

BAND PRACTICE

Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m. Mr. O. E. Ogden will meet the band for practice at the church.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Son Michael, born September 11 to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harris, 718 Kinsmoor. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are also parents of two fine daughters. Congratulations to this happy family.

BOOSTER CLUB REPORTS

Sale of books and magazines in the church basement totaled \$8.16 during the first week. The problem seems to be replacement of the supply of books and magazines, so please do not delay in bringing any you may wish to donate. Also bring records, what-nots and smaller articles of household, workshop and Children's equipment which is in good or fair condition and which might have resale value. Leave it in the basement or see Henry Flowers.

Bring your newspapers and magazines NOW for our paper drive. Leave them in the basement. Remember EVERY CENT from these projects GOES INTO THE BUILDING FUND!

BEGIN SAVING NOW — Each home is to receive a building fund savings bank soon. Begin saving now to buy stones for our new church, and place it in banks in rear of the church until home banks can be distributed. A total of \$5.50 has been placed in the Church banks.



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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — SEPTEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 31

Use this period to strengthen your Spiritual Life.

Make your Faith an active, daily part of your personal life.

FIND THE WAY

To Give your Church more of your time, your strength.

During these 14 weeks we are to have a silent registration of attendance at Divine Services. Every member will have a post card on which to register each Sunday's attendance. Keep it by your Bible—and check every Sunday. On the last day of the year drop this card in the mail box. **Join with those** who read the Bible ever day, go to Church and pray.

When A Christian Prays: He searches the desires of his heart until he finds the deep desire and then places that desire before Almighty God.

During these 14 weeks look with your Master at the desires of your heart.

Make it your Resolve to Attend Communion Service Each Sunday of the 14 Weeks

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music

Sermon: "The Way Is So Plain"

Our Pastor will bring the message.

Pictures to be taken of Church at Worship and Outside — For the Corner Stone
Be sure to be in the picture this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.
PROMOTION SUNDAY

Children will receive certificates of Promotion

Rally Day For Each Class in our Church School, Sunday, Oct. 7th

CORNER STONE LAYING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th — 3:00 P.M.

This Historic Event will be a **MUST** for every Member.

Beautiful Service — Short Responses — Music by Band and Choir

WATCH FOR THE MAGIC BOXES

Building A Church

At Resistencia, a city of 80,000 population in northern Argentina, the cornerstone for the Christian Church was laid on April 28 this year.

First Christian Church, Tyler, Texas, and Wilshire Church, Los Angeles, made gifts for this building. Other funds were received in *A Crusade for a Christian World*. Sr. Sarli, who opened the work in 1944; Sr. Martinez, the present pastor; missionaries and the president of the mission from Buenos Aires; Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward from Indianapolis — all were present for the cornerstone ceremony.

The contribution of Sr. Angel Perro to the new church is significant. A member of the Colegiales Christian Church of Buenos Aires, this young man had his degree in construction when he decided to enter the ministry. For his year of practical work under the direction of Union Theological



Left to right, as the cornerstone is laid for Resistencia Church: Mrs. Ward, Sr. Assati, president of the Argentina Mission, Sr. Martinez, pastor at Resistencia, and Sr. Perro.

Seminary, he is overseeing the construction of the church of Resistencia. His efficient management has saved hundreds of dollars.

This is the first Protestant Church building in the city.

All-Youth Convocation

The first all-youth convocation of our churches, to be held August 15-19 at the University of Illinois, will attract some 1,500 young people from all across America.

Guiding this history-making event is Miss Mildred Jarvis of the youth section of the department of religious education of the United Society. Youth officers of the International CYF Commission will preside over the sessions. Miss Peggy Thomas of Wichita Falls, Texas, is president, and Albert Penny-

backer of Nashville, Tennessee, is incoming president.

Along with wholesome group recreation, there will be workshops to help with problems in the local church, panel discussions with trained leaders in Christian education and missions, etc. Mr. Hallam Shorrock, recently returned from our Japan Mission, will speak on the work, and council with those who plan to give their lives to full-time service.



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DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

Kendallville, Indiana, Sunday, September 30 — 3 to 7:30 P.M.

Rev. C. A. Robertson, Native Evangelist and Teacher from Jamaica will be the guest speaker, holding a Forum in the afternoon and giving the principal address in the evening. A carry-in dinner will be served in the Kendallville Christian Church. A good representation is expected from this Church.

AREA ASSEMBLY

Murat Theatre, Indianapolis, October 31, November 1st and 2nd.

A Women's Work Shop will be a part of the Assembly.

Many of our women should consider attending this meeting at Indianapolis.

Our allotment is 30 registrations.

THE BOOSTERS CLUB THANKS YOU!

Response to appeals for both donations and customers for the book, magazine and record store in the church basement has been gratifying. In two weeks of operation the store has provided an income of \$14.06, all of which has gone into the building fund.

Many of our members and friends have brought and bought books and magazines. Special thanks should go to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Henry Flowers and Ben Tenny for donation of a total of about 80 books, to Dave Link and Tom Cooksey for 63 new records, to Harry Griggs for records and books, and to Paul Strawser for books and magazines.

We wish to expand our store by adding whatnots and smaller articles of children's, workshop and home equipment which has resale value. If you have any of these articles you no longer need, please bring them.

WATCH FOR THE MAGIC BOXES

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Royal C. Dye Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College, TUESDAY, October 2 at 1:45 P.M. Guests are invited. MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DAY.

C.W.F. BAKE SALE — BARR STREET MARKET

Friday, September 28. Market opens at 3 p.m. Please plan to get your baked goods there shortly after 2:30 P.M. Call your group leader if you need a pick-up.

CAMPAIGN RESULTS

The first 42 pledges Sunday totaled \$10,547.00. Many teams are calling. Make a sacrificial pledge for our new church that will serve our people for generations.

THE TIDINGS WANTS NOTICE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION MEETINGS,
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, OCTOBER 4, 1951

Number 1

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — OCTOBER 7
14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — SEPTEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 31

Use this period to strengthen your Spiritual Life.

Make your Faith an active, daily part of your personal life.

FIND THE WAY

To Give your Church more of your time, your strength.

So little can mean so much when done through the Church. Your time can multiply good, your money succor the needy around the world.

In this distressed and bewildered world of ours throughout the world, in greater and greater numbers—humanity is turning to the church in its activities. Three and four times as large a percentage participate actively in the Church as do the membership of labor unions or other effective organizations.

You, as part of the Church, have a great privilege to do your share to bring in the day of Christian brotherhood.

When A Christian Prays, he prays not merely by asking but by giving. Ask and you shall receive—As you give you also shall receive—You open your soul more completely. Tides going out, make it possible for tides to come in. God's care and love are revealed in these divine laws for the soul.

Make it your Resolve to Attend Communion Service Each Sunday of the 14 Weeks

Keep your record of attendance faithfully.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music

Sermon: "Making a Sketch of Our Life"

Our Pastor will bring the message.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

RALLY DAY

CORNER STONE LAYING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th — 3:00 P.M.

This Historic Event will be a **MUST** for every Member.
 Beautiful Service — Short Responses — Music by Band and Choir

WATCH FOR THE MAGIC BOXES

Prizes For All

Old and young eagerly await the annual fair at Pendra Road, India, conducted by missionaries and leaders of the Christian Church.

Gaily decorated booths hold exhibits of livestock, poultry, grain, vegetables, and laces and needlework made by the women. Boys and girls, as well as adults, bring their entries, and many go home with an orange tree, a lemon or mango tree for a prize.

There is a popular Baby Show to which proud mothers bring their freshly scrubbed babies.

But the real purposes of the fair are realized when there is opportunity to explain how entries might have been improved through the use of better seed or by more modern methods of cultivation; when nurses can show the need for sanitation, using feltographs and large posters; and when the Nativity scene is arranged in a booth where Bible women take turns repeating the wonderful story.

Use is made of motion pictures and the loud speaker to carry the message

to all parts of the area. In the evening the people linger to listen as Indian evangelists tell the gospel story in song, story and music.

The Pendra Road Fair is a major feature of the program of our church in India. Lemon or orange or mango trees are not the only prizes carried home by the villagers.

Profitable Vacations

Twenty business and professional women of our churches used vacation time this summer to visit our mission work in Puerto Rico and Jamaica. Ten others went to Mexico. The two tours were arranged and conducted by Miss Katherine Schutze of the department of missionary organizations of the United Society.

Included also were stops at Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, for the one group, and at Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, for the other.

Satnami farmers of India plough their fields in the way of their fathers, to a depth of two inches.





How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?

251 persons were added to the church in India last year through the preaching of the missionaries and national workers of our India Mission.

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It is fitting that our church, founded as a great people around the Communion Table, should lay the Corner Stone of our new Church on World Communion Sunday. The Band, under the direction of O. E. Ogden, and the Choir, under the direction of Clyde R. Copeland, will furnish music. Greetings will be brought by distinguished guests and visitors. Fort Wayne Commandary of Knights Templar in full dress will form an escort and will share in this great event in the life of this Church. Officers of the Church will participate in the ceremony of laying the stone and a brief message will be given by our pastor.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Herman W. Sigrist was in an accident that ruined his car. He was seriously injured but is getting along nicely. Mrs. Sigrist has been suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Mallie Reidt is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Chas. B. Whitman and Mrs. James Leshner are also patients in the Methodist Hospital.

Mr. H. M. Smelser underwent an appendectomy at St. Joseph's Hospital.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The E. K. HIGDON Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, 804 Colerick on Monday evening, October 8 at 7:30 P.M.

The REBECCA Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert D. Koontz, 729 Woodview on Tuesday evening, October 9 at 8 P.M.

The DONALD McGAVRAN Circle will meet with Mrs. R. H. Reynolds, 5305 Plaza Drive, Tuesday, October 9 at 1:45 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, 818 Monroe St., Thursday, October 11th at 7:30 P.M. Officers of C.W.F. and all group officers make up the Executive Committee.

BOOSTERS CLUB TO MEET

The Boosters Club will meet Thursday night October 11 at 7:30 P.M., at the Church to complete a calendar of events for the Fall and Winter. Heads of organizations will report on what their groups will do to raise additional funds for our new Church.

The Boosters Club store and banks have provided \$34.34 for the building fund. Our church members and friends have responded splendidly. Newspapers and magazines for the paper drive are piling up rapidly in the basement due to fine co-operation of many persons.

DINNER FOR ALL CHURCH MEMBERS

A carry-in dinner for the entire Church will be held Sunday noon, October 21st, in the Church basement. This will be the first monthly event suggested by the Boosters Club. The Friendly and Ladies Bible Classes will be hostesses and are making arrangements for the dinner. Plan now to bring the whole family for a get-together with your church friends during the dinner hour.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 7—Glenn R. Miller,	Alan C. Bell
October 14—Robert E. Clipp,	Floyd E. Morrical
October 21—Hugh D. Rice,	Preston H. Somers
October 28—F. Wayne Rousseau,	Owen O. Vaught

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Earl T. Fusselman, Captain, A-56922; Wm. H. Crouse, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Don J. Eyer, Robert D. Koontz, Eppie R. Baker, William E. Munro, George R. Bruckman (If you cannot serve please call your Captain.)

Official Board will meet Wednesday evening October 10 at 8 P.M. at the Church.

CAMPAIGN RESULTS

One hundred and twenty (120) pledges Sunday totaled **\$15,344.07**. Many teams are calling. Make a sacrificial pledge for our new Church that will serve our people for generations. Around 300 families have made pledges to our church.



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FIND THE WAY

To Give your Church more of your time, your strength and affection.

Take a child to Church this Sunday. Few things are stronger than a child's Faith; Faith in his elders . . . Faith in the world about him . . . invisible Power is a precious heritage . . . doubly precious in this world of terror and confusion. Hard times for adults, how much harder can they be for children eager to believe in Eternal Faith. A child's faith is a precious heritage . . . A source of strength which we must protect, nourish and cultivate in times like ours.

When A Christian Prays he senses that back of all things is reality. Our God, Our Heavenly Father, The Shepherd of our souls is the great determiner of our destiny. Why not turn over to Him your problems and gain new power and strength. Make it your resolve to attend Communion Service **each Sunday of the 14 Weeks.**

Keep your record of attendance faithfully

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Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music

Excellent music last Sunday under the direction of Clyde R. Copeland

Sermon: "Taking It All In"

Our Pastor will bring the message.

CORNER STONE LAYING

Our Corner Stone Laying on World Communion Sunday marked a great event in the history of the Church. The Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar furnished our escort and gave color and additional meaning to this occasion. Greetings were most cordial and well received. Our Band was a most delightful part and the Choir had an important part in the ceremony. Our Officers who participated did their work well. The Church is grateful to all these people.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

JUNIOR CHOIR practice Saturday 10:00 A.M. Clyde R. Copeland, director.



Dr. and Mrs. Donald H. Baker and their children

Back to Congo

After two years on furlough in the States, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Baker sailed in September for their station at Mondombe, in Belgian Congo. Their son, Maurice, accompanied them, while the girls remained here in school.

Since 1931, Dr. Baker has distinguished himself by his earnest, fearless consecration to raising the standards of living and alleviating the miseries of the people of Congo.

In the field of medicine, Dr. Baker has introduced many innovations that have reversed some of Congo's most firmly entrenched customs and fears — as when he persuaded relatives to give blood transfusions to a dying patient. He established a leper colony and several outstation dispensaries, for which he trained native boys to treat minor ailments and dispense drugs.

He has also done extensive work in the field of preventive medicine and in diet education, all of which has won recognition and financial aid for schools and hospitals from the Belgian government.

In addition, he has found time to engage in evangelistic work, and to give assistance in agriculture, mech-

anics, carpentry, brick-making, etc.

In all things, Mrs. Baker has been a willing, gracious and efficient help-mate. Besides being an exceptional mother, she has ably supplemented her husband's work.

It was the culmination of a dream for Dr. Baker to be able to take back to Congo the first X-ray equipment for our mission.

For A United World

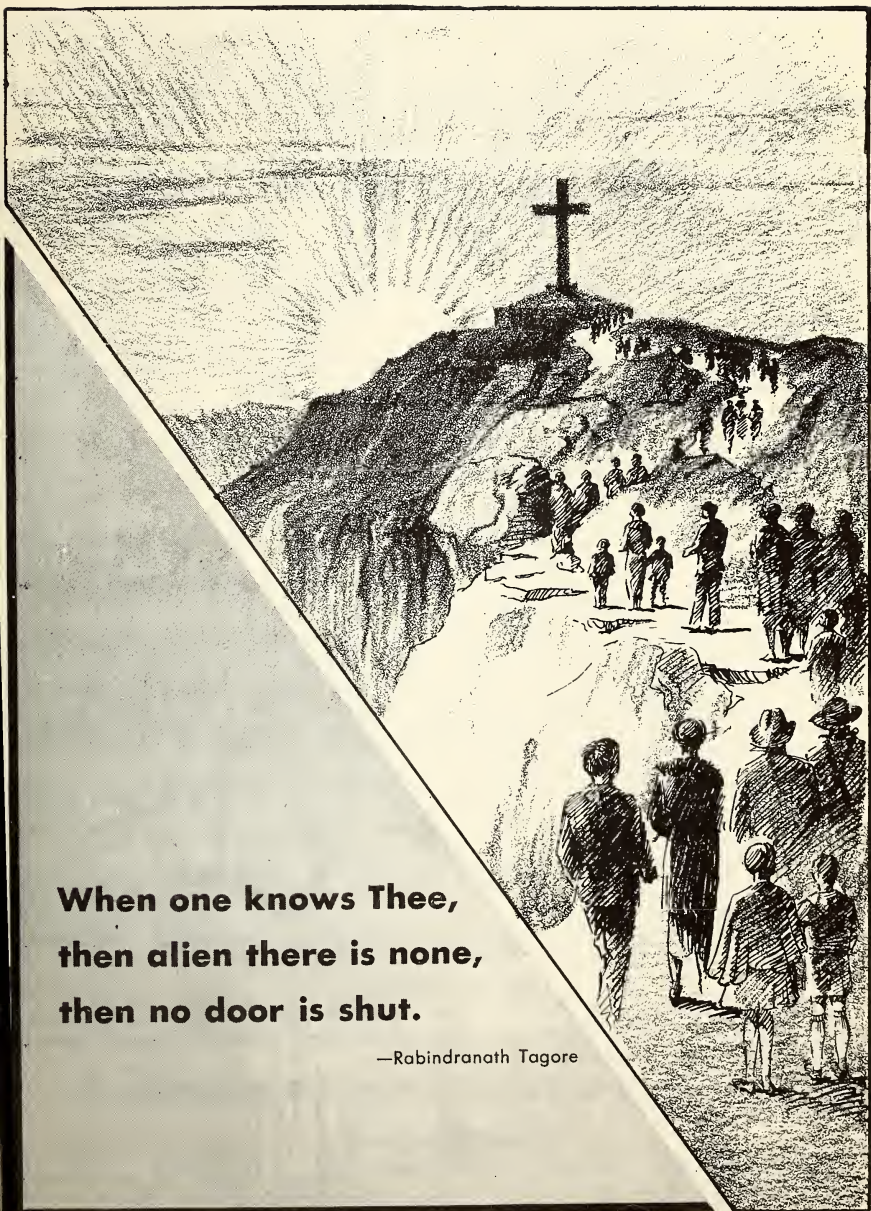
Christians need to think and pray as world citizens, having in mind the words of Jesus which bind together all mankind as brothers.

Our prayer should be —

- For better understanding among men of all nations, in spite of opposing ideas and purposes;
- An acknowledgement of our complete dependence upon the mercy and power of God;
- An expression of gratitude for the United Nations as an instrument of peace, and for the benefits which it has achieved;
- A plea for wisdom, for mutual confidence, trust and cooperation which are essential to the unity required for any social order.

**When one knows Thee,
then alien there is none,
then no door is shut.**

—Rabindranath Tagore



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MEN'S FORUM 5 to 7 P.M. — SUPPER MEETING

Attention All Men: This Sunday David Peters, Attorney and active Churchman of our City will be our guest speaker. Dinner Committee is composed of Robert Fahl, chairman, George Bruckman, Don E. Coffman, Francis Edgerton.

At Business Session reports will be made on Booster Club project. Sound Projector—athletic program. Rolland Ripple will lead us in a song fest.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

The C.Y.F. enjoyed a fine program and evening as guest of their president, Miss Donna Leversee last Sunday. Sylvan Young, Dale Hiler, Bonnie Fusselman, Shirley Richard assisted by Don Richhart reporting on Hayride. Gene Munro and Betty Rose reported on U.C.Y.M. and were elected delegates. David Griggs is sponsor and adult leader. A Fine program is planned for this Sunday.

BOOSTER CLUB — ALL CHURCH DINNER FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

A carry-in dinner for the entire church will be held Sunday noon, October 21, in the Church dining room. This is the first of monthly events suggested by the Boosters Club. The Friendly and Ladies Bible Class are hostesses and are making arrangements for the dinner.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

John Alan born to Mr. and Mrs. Meldren S. Kreps, Saturday, October 5th. We wish to congratulate the proud parents on the birth of their son.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. C. J. Sharp has been quite ill but is slowly recovering. Mrs. Louise Jordon is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Amy Shawhan is quite ill at home, 1123 W. Wayne St. Mrs. Church, mother of Mrs. Alex Campbell recently suffered a stroke.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

HARVEST INGATHERING: This is the time of year when our hearts are turned toward the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion. Members of the Church may bring their gifts to the Church on Sundays between now and November 15, when the C.W.F. will hold their monthly program at the Home. Gifts of staples, canned fruits and vegetables, jellies (without seeds), potatoes, apples, linens, etc., also gifts of money, are solicited from the membership of this Church.

We have an obligation to the Home at Marion as it is the Churches in this Area that are responsible for its support, and also, we have a member of this Church as a resident of the Home. Let us be generous. Store your gifts in the Chapel. Money should be turned in to Mrs. Dare, Mrs. Coar or Mrs. Vaught.

The regular meeting of the **Christian Women's Fellowship** will be held on Tuesday evening, October 16. The Allan Huber Circle, with Mrs. Fred H. Wilson, will be in charge of the worship period. The Evening Guild will present the program with Mrs. Wesley Warner as guest speaker. Mrs. Warner will speak on "Women of the United Nations." A strip film will be shown.

MAGIC BOXES

Clayton Yoquelet and Richard K. Schrecogost have been chosen as Co-Chairman of THE MAGIC BOXES by the Booster Committee chairman, Henry Flowers. Watch **The Tidings** for important announcements.

Choir Practice—Each Thurs. evening 7:30. Clyde R. Copeland, director.

Band Practice—Each Wed., 7:30 p.m. O. E. Ogden, director.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to extend heartfelt congratulations to Mr. J. J. McCarel on completing 50 years service with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This is a fine record.



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SUNDAY IS LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — SEPTEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 31

Use this period to strengthen your Spiritual Life.

Make your Faith an active, daily part of your personal life.

FIND THE WAY

TO GIVE YOUR CHURCH more of your time, your strength and devotion.

The richest man and woman in the world. They live on any street in this City. They own a modest home, live well within their income. They look to the future with confidence. They are giving their children the loving care and guidance only possible in a religious home. They are learning to be **grateful** by grace at the table and family prayers each night. The children see a good example as the parents take them to Sunday School and Church regularly; learning in Church that they should "love God and your neighbor as yourself". They share their happiness, and they share in the support of their Church. When sickness, sorrow and death comes, as they must come to all—they have courage to meet these inevitable trials because they have faith in God.

(IS THIS A PICTURE OF YOUR HOME AND YOUR FAMILY.)

When a Christian Prays He has the witness of all the great religious leaders and saints that prayer is efficacious, that it is a window to heaven. In prayer and meditation they found religious joy and peace and solution to their problems. This window is open to you.

Make it your resolve during these 14 Weeks of Devotion to attend Church regularly.

KEEP YOUR RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FAITHFULLY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music

Excellent music last Sunday under the direction of Clyde R. Copeland

Message to be brought by

**Speaker: Hon. Alex. M. Campbell, Trustee and former U. S. Ass't. Attorney General
Rolland Ripple and Glenn R. Miller Will Share in Service
Stay for All-Church Dinner Following the Morning Worship**



Mr. and Mrs. Lord

Reporting To The Churches

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lord, in the States this year after spending three years with the Philippine Mission, have been sharing their experiences with the churches here. Mr. Lord has spoken to 108 local church groups, 20 state and district conventions, and 66 youth meets and conferences. He has also had 26 conferences with young people concerning full-time Christian work.

Mr. Lord is entering school this fall for graduate study.

"The Course of The River"

A new sound filmstrip is announced—*The Course of the River*. It has been prepared to tell something of the history of the United Society since its organization in 1919, and the scope of its work.

Dr. C. M. Yocum, who retired in 1950, is the narrator. He shared in the organization of the Society and was a member of the staff of the Division of Foreign Missions for more than thirty years.

In the filmstrip are scenes from home missions, from the field of Christian education, and from foreign fields. Some of the services of the Society to the churches of the brotherhood are shown. The new president, Dr. A. Dale Fiers, is introduced.

With all scenes in the filmstrip in color and the narration on records, it is possible for Dr. Yocum to speak to the congregations in hundreds of our churches and to bring to them actual pictures of the work in which they share.

Congregation of the Kabugao Christian Church in the Philippine Mission fills the unfinished chapel.





Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, opened its 39th year this September. Since 1913 it has offered to Negro youth an opportunity for education under Christian leaders. It is administered by The United Christian Missionary Society.

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C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Group will go to Auburn Sunday afternoon to help plan Area Young People's Conference to be held in Auburn November 4th.

All young people out this Sunday Evening.

BIBLE EXHIBIT

The Third Year Junior's are having a Bible Exhibit over a period of two weeks. If any of the members of the Church have Bibles in a language not English, the Junior's would appreciate the loan of them. Excellent care will be taken of them. Please contact Mrs. Robert Beck or Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull.

JOIN THE FUN AT ALL-CHURCH DINNER THIS SUNDAY!

Arrangements have been completed for the All-Church dinner for fellowship and fun Sunday, October 21, in the Church dining room following the service. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brubayer have arranged for the "fun" during the dinner. Members of the Friendly and Ladies Bible Classes are in charge of the dinner and will provide coffee and rolls. They have asked that each family bring a covered dish of food and their table service. Leave your dish in the dining room when you come to Sunday School or Church and the hostesses will keep it warm, if necessary, and have the food ready for serving at noon.

The Sunday dinner is the first of a series of monthly events being arranged through the Boosters Club. An offering is to be taken to benefit the Building Fund.

**"Let's Join the Fun in Fifty-one
To See It Trough in Fifty-two".**

FOR WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, NOVEMBER 2

Good used or new blankets, comforters or quilts are needed and solicited for **World Community Day**, this year 1951. Will each Circle please try to donate one or more of these items so that **First Christian C.W.F.** will be represented. Baby blankets are also acceptable, as well as money. These items may be brought to the Church any time before November 2. From our plenty let us share with those less fortunate.

REMEMBER THE HARVEST INGATHERING FOR NOVEMBER 15.

Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion, Indiana

Bring your gifts of food, clothing or money to the Church before that date.

PERSONAL NOTES

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley have written from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. Bret R. Young is also visiting in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mrs. Grace Bell is vacationing in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail J. Roe and Rita flew to Los Angeles, California, to visit Mr. Roe's Sister

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Number 4

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Use this period to strengthen your Spiritual Life.

Make your Faith an active, daily part of your personal life.

FIND THE WAY

TO GIVE YOUR CHURCH more of your time, your strength and devotion.

Where Faith is Strong men master fear. Fear assails the strongest of us these days. The unleashed forces of evil that bring misery to half our world, fear to the future that lies prey to the suspicion in troubled hearts paralyze our efforts for good. We fear even more for our children, our loved ones and the future of the life and traditions of our country.

There is one antidote for fear. Faith. Faith of the Pilgrim Fathers. Faith of Washington, Faith of Lincoln. Faith of Paul, of Stone, Campbell, Scott. Faith of our Missionaries.

Turn to God. Depend on Him. When faith is strong, we can master our fears. Stem the tides of fear. Build your life and our Country's life. Give meaning to our future. Go to Church this Sunday. Yours is a great and honored responsibility.

When a Christian Prays—He is in earnest—He brings the attention of his mind and the desire of his heart before God. He is consistent by living as he prays, and by walking with God, finds himself in the way of blessing and fellowship.

Make it your resolve during these 14 Weeks of Devotion to attend Church regularly.

KEEP YOUR RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FAITHFULLY

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Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music under the direction of Clyde R. Copeland.

Sermon: "Behind the Record"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Junior Choir Practice Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Classes for Everyone

Reformation Services, Sunday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Washington St. at Webster St.

Rev. Luther Seng, Speaker

Taylor Fellowship House

Taylor Fellowship House in Indianapolis, opened in September, is the newest effort in which the United Society is cooperating to aid in the training of ministers for our churches. This project is to benefit Negro graduate students, preparing to serve Christian Churches. The department of evangelism of the United Society, the National Christian Missionary Convention (Negro), and Butler School of Religion have joined in sponsoring it.

Accommodations in Taylor Fellowship House are planned for 10 students, a house mother and her husband. A committee from the three participating organizations fixes standards for admission, determines such financial aid as may be granted, and supervises the operation of the house.

Negro Christian Churches throughout the country suffer for the lack of leadership as do the white churches. Special efforts are to be made this year to aid in the training of ministers for both.

A Missionary for Thailand

Mrs. Edna Gish sailed in July to take up work in the Thailand (Siam) Mission of our British Churches. En route she visited several of the churches in England and had part in their annual convention in August before proceeding to Thailand.



Mrs. Gish

Mrs. Gish served with our China Mission from 1920 until this year when conditions on the field prevented her return.

Our British Churches opened their mission in Thailand in 1903. It now includes 5 churches with 600 members; a hospital staffed by two Chinese doctors and 8 nurses; and schools which enroll more than 1000 students. There are 40 pastors, teachers and Bible women.

The three British missionaries on the field have reached retirement but the churches have found it impossible to recruit new personnel for replacement, or funds to maintain the work. They rejoice in the plan for American churches to share in it.



Facts to Ponder

There are approximately 7,250 white congregations of Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada.

—3,900 churches have less than full-time preaching. Many have services once a month.

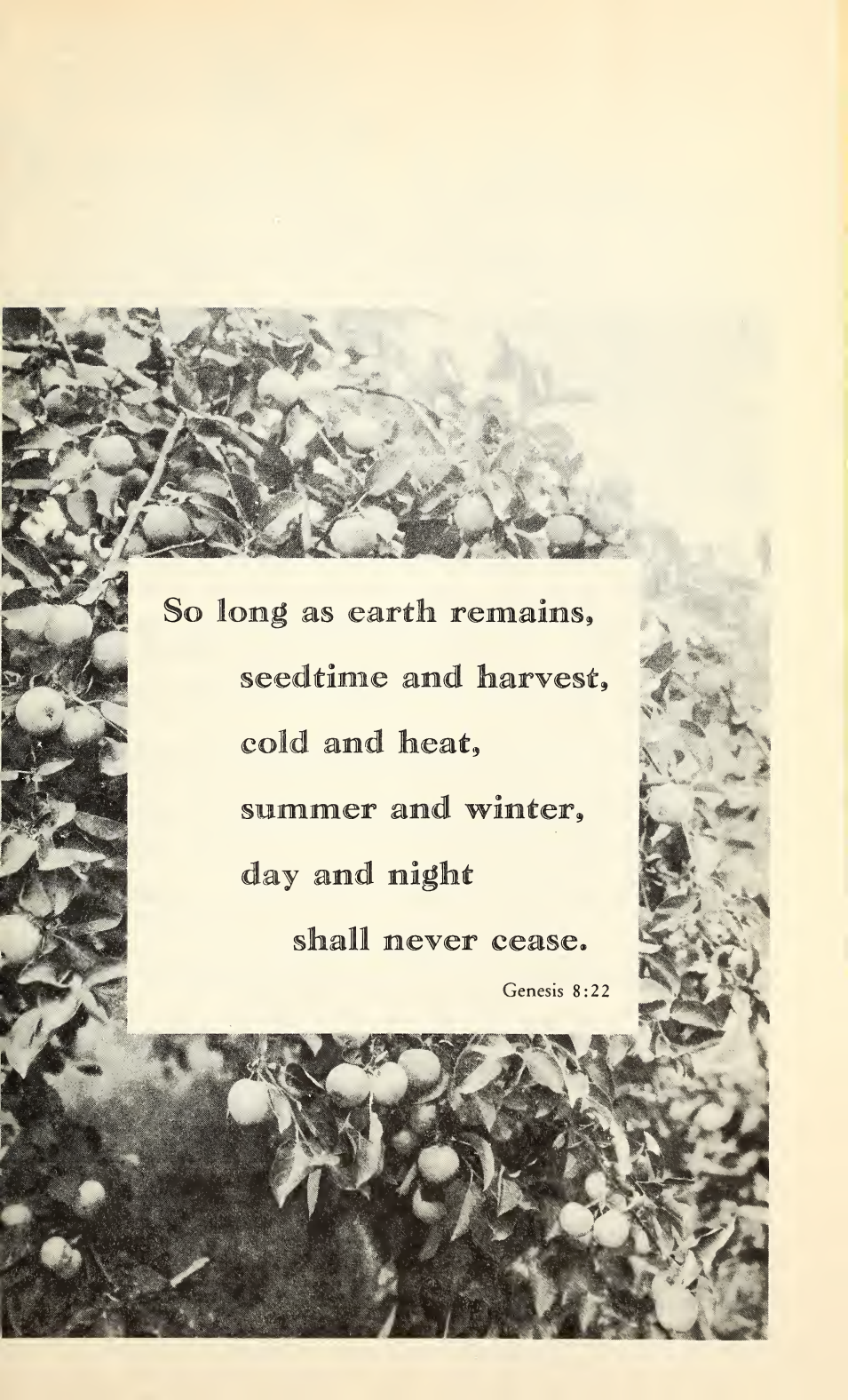
—3,350 churches have full-time preaching, but often by a non-resident minister who is with the church only on Sundays.

—3,800 churches have less than 100 members.

There are 527 Negro congregations of Disciples of Christ in America.

—86 of these have full-time preaching.

—Of the 497 Negro ministers of our brotherhood, 94 are lay-preachers, 112 preach only occasionally, some are retired, others serve three or four congregations.



So long as earth remains,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
shall never cease.

Genesis 8:22

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C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

All young people out this Sunday Evening.

ALL-CHURCH DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The Friendly and Ladies Bible Classes and Boosters Club wish to thank all of you who made the all-church family dinner a great success last Sunday. The ladies did a swell job in arranging and serving the carry-in dinner. Our church members had an old-fashioned visit during the dinner hour, and we hope everyone had fun. Jerry Brubaker put on a Disc Jockey program.

Approximately 110 persons attended the dinner. A good crowd stayed for the fine movies shown by Bert Leversee. These included Mr. Leversee's own movies of the church ground breaking, cornerstone laying and construction work.

Offerings received at the dinner and movies totaled \$41.82. In addition \$3.55 was obtained from the store making the day's total \$45.37 for the Building Fund. Money obtained thus far through our Boosters Club program totals \$97.22, and we're just getting started!

LOOK AHEAD TO NEXT ALL-CHURCH EVENT NOVEMBER 18

The next Boosters sponsored event has been set for Sunday evening, November 18, as part of our 80th anniversary observance. The Men's Forum will serve a pancake and sausage supper, to be followed by a movie on the life of Alexander Campbell sponsored by the Men's Class.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1:30 P.M.

SALEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

821 So. Clinton St.

Take your donations to the Church that afternoon or bring them to the First Christian Church Office before that date and we will arrange to get them to the World Community Day Service.

INTERATIONAL AERA MEET, MURAT THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

October 31, November 1, and 2

The women of this district are chartering a bus which will leave Friday, November 2, in mid-morning (time announced later) arriving Indianapolis at noon. Leaving Indianapolis after the last session. Round trip \$3.14. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Irene Cline or the Church Office. Make your reservations with Mrs. Cline or the Church Office.

HAVEST INGATHERING — EMILY E. FLINN HOME — NOVEMBER 15

Bring your gifts of food, clothing or money to the Church before that date.

NOTES

Mrs. Charles Dare's father, Mr. Priddy of Bedford, was injured in an automobile accident last week, suffering a broken arm and internal injuries.

REAL MEN OF DISTINCTION

For what it may mean to young men entering into business or industry, I recommend total abstinence as the only safe road from the standpoint of beverage alcohol. It is not necessary to drink in order to make a success of business, rather in this day of specialists in all lines, it is necessary to not allow your mind to become dulled by the use of alcohol. Nor is it necessary to purchase alcohol for prospective customers to obtain business. You will gain the respect of others by taking a firm stand against using alcohol or providing it for others.

In obtaining business for our firm, running into more than \$10,000,000.00, we have never purchased a drop of alcohol for anyone.

We have dealt with a good many employees afflicted with the habit of strong drink, who, but for the affliction might have risen to success in their chosen field. You will never become an alcoholic if you refrain from the first drink.—Mr. Frank A. Nelson, President, Nelson Bros. and Strom Co., engineers and machinists, Racine, Wisconsin.

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FIND THE WAY

TO GIVE YOUR CHURCH more of your time, your strength and devotion.

"They that Wait Upon the Lord, shall renew their strength." When families go to church they will hear **Good News** preached in the Church to a world which has seen so much evil. Here in the House of God the spirit of hope is renewed. Here prayers are offered for the needy of the world threatened by hate and destruction. Here prayers will be made for our Country. "Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light. Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King."

You can help make this a better world and our Country a stronger nation by sustaining your Church.

When A Christian Prays. He is consistent and regular. He has a definite plan of prayer and a devout habit. His prayer is not impulsive. He does not wait until some feeling prompts him, or until he feels so inclined. He believes in the promises of God and prays believing in confident expectation.

Make it your resolve during these 14 Weeks of Devotion to attend Church regularly

YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

Sunday, Kendallville, Indiana

Around thirty Youth will leave Sunday afternoon for Kendallville to attend "Youth Meet." Registration is at 2:30 P.M. David Griggs, Rolland Ripple and Mrs. Robert T. Beck are members of the faculty from our Church. There will be interest groups for all including adult leaders and parents.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Junior Choir Practice Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Classes for Everyone

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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music under the direction of Clyde R. Copeland.

Sermon: "Architecture of Freedom"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Men At Work

Men of our churches show a growing interest in assuming a larger share in the total task of the church.

Last year five laymen gave approximately five weeks each on a dollar-a-year basis in the interest of the total men's work. Two new names have been added to the list this year. They are Joe Snapp of Paris, Kentucky, and Joseph Morrison of Stuttgart, Arkansas. Both are busy laymen but are offering their services for generous periods of time to encourage and stimulate the interest of others.

Mark Rutherford, national director in the Department of Men's Work of The United Christian Missionary Society, is arranging to give six months time this year to the work in Florida. Under a special arrangement with the men of our churches in Florida, he will lead them in plans to strengthen their contribution to the Christian effort through the local churches.



Growing in Wisdom and Stature

Guiding children in Christian growth is a major task of the church. It is estimated that churches of Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada enroll approximately 750,000 boys and girls in their Bible schools each year.

Aiding our churches in this work is the Department of Religious Education of the United Society. The children's workers of the national staff help to plan teaching and guidance materials for the churches; they are continually trying to improve standards of work through the discovery of new resources and opportunities for Christian teaching; they seek to aid in training leaders of children through classes and laboratory experiences.

Special assistance is given to state children's work committees which enlist 202 women of our churches for volunteer leadership in their own areas. Fifteen states also employ state directors of children's work—full or part time.

Teachers of children are constantly being trained, materials are being improved, aid is given to churches which ask for guidance in planning for more adequate space and equipment for




children's departments, and materials are provided to help in making our church homes more Christian. All across our land the churches are sharing in this vital work through their Thanksgiving offering which provides a great share of the financial support.

In our Sunday church schools, vacation schools, and summer camps and conferences, children are:

—Learning where to find verses in the Bible, and how to apply Bible teachings to everyday living;

—Memorizing the words of those verses, and setting patterns of Christian living in simple demonstrations of love and sharing.

They are led to have a better understanding of the people in all parts of the world, and learn ways of getting along with others at home, at school and on the playground.



Let the
Children
Come unto Me

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PAUL BLANSHARD

Paul Blanshard will speak at First Presbyterian Church, Saturday, November 10th at 7:30 P.M. on "Separation of Church and State." It is an open meeting.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

We had a fine program. We discussed Church Etiquette which proved to be very interesting. The plans for our District Meet in Kendallville, November 4, and the Hayride and weiner roast, November 2, were completed. The Co-chairmen for the Hayride are Shirley Richard and Don Richhart. The food committee consists of the officers, Betty Rose, Sally Zimmerman, Donna Leversee and Gene Munro.

The Youth group is for YOU, come join in the fellowship! Every Sunday night, 6:30 P.M. in the largest Sunday School room. (Unless you are notified differently). This is your invitation for Worship, fellowship, fun and many good times. Be seeing you at C.Y.F.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Alan Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. Maude Thurman, 1010 E. Columbia Ave. on Thursday afternoon, November 8th at 2 P.M. The Worship period is in charge of Mrs. Siples and the program will be presented by Mrs. Wilson.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. F. W. Edgerton, 908 E. Sherwood on Wednesday afternoon, November 7, at 1:45 P.M. The program will be presented by Mrs. C. F. Durfee.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 441 Buchanan St., on Thursday afternoon, November 8, at 1:30 P.M. MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DAY.

JOIN THE CHOIR

This is an invitation to vital Church Membership through activity in one of its most thrilling departments. We have Choirs for Junior and Adult groups. If you are a lover of, and enjoy making music, this is an invitation for you to come Thursday evening at seven-thirty o'clock and join our Choir, or come on Saturday at 10:00 A.M. for Junior rehearsal. We need your support if we are to "Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song."

ELDER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 4, Robert E. Clipp, Joseph M. Fitch; **November 11**, Floyd E. Morrical, Cecil Rice; **November 18**, Charles Fuchshuber, Alan C. Bell; **November 25**, Glenn R. Miller, Hugh D. Rice.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Henry M. Flowers, Captain, K-2220; Meldren S. Kreps, James R. Shockney, J. W. Haffner, Chester Follis, Cecil Kinzie, Dale C. Hiler.

IF UNABLE TO SERVE PLEASE CALL YOUR CAPTAIN

NOTES

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Miss Edna Saxon in the recent loss of her sister at Kokomo.

Mrs. C. B. Whitman is now at home, 3715 Warsaw, after having spent some time in the hospital.

Mrs. Amy Shawhan is in Methodist Hospital, Room 305, for observation.

WASTE PAPER DRIVE

A C.Y.F. project for the Booster's Club. Please get your old newspapers and magazines to the Church either this week-end or early next week. These papers will be picked up at the Church later next week.

BASKET BALL I I I

Young men desiring to register with the Basketball team, please contact Gene Munro, H-83531.

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November is "Religion in Life-Month". Throughout the entire month of November **Radio and Television** will blanket the Nation with the message of Religion in American Life.

This provides an excellent time when you can invite another to go to Church with you. "Take some one to Church this week, you'll both be richer for it."

Soon your financial chairman will be writing you about the place of your Church budget in the thought of each of us. First Christian has increasingly increased its influence and has by its giving, become a potent force in our Time for Christian influence.

When A Christian Prays: He is convinced that he is a co-worker with God. He has an inward peace that makes him a dependable factor in a world that for many people is unsafe and dangerous. One of the great gifts of Christ is His peace which the world cannot give or take away.

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Reports from Youth Meet will be given. All Youth invited.

AREA MEN'S MEETING

Area Men's Meeting at West Creighton Monday, Nov. 12, 6:30 P.M.

Youth in the Church

Work projects, Bible study, generous giving for youth around the world, nation-wide planning for Christian action—these all add up to a well-defined program of religious education and and Christian action for the youth of churches of Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada.

The national department of religious education in The United Christian Missionary Society, state and area directors of religious education, student workers on college and university campuses, church school teachers, volunteer workers, youth leaders—give guidance to a host of 250,000 young men and women of our churches each year.

Support for this important work is given by the churches in their regular Thanksgiving offering. The young people themselves help to support their conferences and youth meets through the purchase of Character Bonds which also subsidize conferences for youth in Mexico, India and other countries. In addition, last year the youth of our churches gave more than \$56,000 for missions through the Christian World Friendship Fund.

The program for the year 1950-51 included 175 week-end youth meets, 131 Chi Rho camps for intermediates, 124 young people's conferences, 160 Disciple students from campuses in 24 states at the annual meeting, student religious programs in some 100 college communities.

For this program, study and discussion materials are prepared by state and national staff members and made available to the various groups.

The training of our youth for Christian living is one of the tasks of the church.

THE COVER. Mr. W. G. Moseley, director of religious education in Washington, leads a youth meet project at Zephyr Lodge, near Spokane.



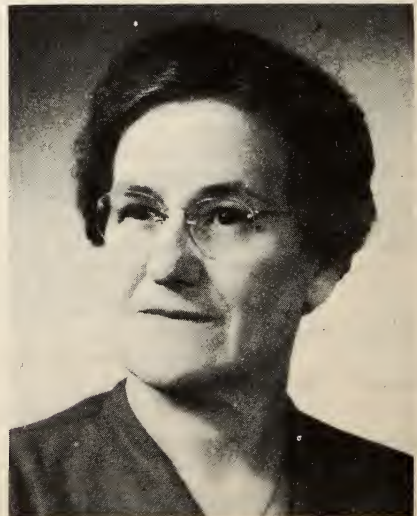
Furlough Is Completed

Miss Veda Harrah has returned to our India Mission after a furlough year in the States. During the year she taught in young people's conferences, spoke in many of our churches, and gave a month's service to All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center in Los Angeles.

Miss Harrah has served in India since 1925, and at the girls' vocational school, Sumankhetan, at Pendra Road, since 1932.

Sumankhetan is considered the type of school best suited to Indian girls who will become village housewives. They learn to do all their own work, keep household accounts, and care for younger children, in addition to their regular academic studies.

Miss Veda Harrah





"Teach Them the Good Way"

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PAUL BLANSHARD

Mr. Paul Blanshard will speak at First Presbyterian Church, Clinton at Washington St., Saturday, November 10 at 7:30 P.M. on "Separation of Church and State." This is an open meeting.

Choir Practice—Each Thursday evening 7:30 P.M. Clyde R. Copeland, Director.
Band Practice—Each Wednesday 7:30 7:30 P.H. O. E. Ogden, Director.

MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M.

Dinner Meeting — Sunday, November 11

Benjamin F. Geyer will be the guest speaker. Mr. Geyer was former President of the Wayne Pump Company. He has recently completed a tour around the world and visited some of the out-of-the-way places. He will speak to us of his experiences. Robert Koontz, president, will hear reports from various committees including the Projector and Athletics. The Dinner committee is composed of Richard Schrecongost, Walter C. Birkhold, Lawrence G. Martin and Clayton Yoquelet. Arrangements will be made for special music. This meeting will be one of the top meetings of the year and all the men are urged to be present.

PANCAKE SUPPER & MOVIE — NOVEMBER 18, 1951

Arrangements are nearing completion for the all-church pancake and sausage supper and movies Sunday evening, November 18, as features of the Church's 80th anniversary observance. Robert Koontz, president of the Men's Forum, has named Jerry Brubaker as chairman of arrangements for the supper in the Church dining room. The men are planning on a big crowd and invite you to bring your family and invite your friends.

The Men's Bible Class, through James Shockney, teacher, and Albert Egly, president, has obtained the motion picture, "Fire on the Earth," a Restoration film of a half hour's duration. Supper will be served as the people arrive and several showings of the film will enable them to go directly upstairs for the movie after they have finished eating. This is the second of monthly events under the sponsorship of the Boosters Club to benefit the building fund.

"Let's Join the Fun in Fifty-one
To See It Through in Fifty-two."

C.W.F. CIRCLE MEETINGS

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. F. H. Rogers, 3021 Weisser Park Ave. Tuesday, November 13, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Leo Miller will present the program and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold will bring the devotions.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Howard Wise, 2030 Nelson St. on Monday evening at 7:30 P.M. This is **Guest Night**. Members are urged to bring friends.

EMILY FLINN ANNUAL HARVEST INGATHERING

Thursday, November 15 — Marion, Indiana

This is our opportunity to bring gifts of food, etc., for the Home. Please get them to the Church by Thursday. Let us each one bring a gift—Gifts, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

We have a very personal interest in the welfare of the Home in that Mrs. Rhoda Depotty is a guest there. Mrs. Depotty has been a member of First Christian for many years and has many friends in our Church.

CARS ARE NEEDED FOR TRANSPORTATION

The Dr. Dye Circle is in charge of transportation for our trip to the Home next Thursday. Those who will drive their car please call Mrs. Hugh Rice, H-19949 and report. Thank you.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. J. R. Coar is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, having undergone surgery last Monday.



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EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — SEPTEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 31

Use this period to strengthen your Spiritual Life.

Make your Faith an active, daily part of your personal life.

FIND THE WAY

TO GIVE YOUR CHURCH more of your time, your strength and devotion.

November is Thanksgiving Month. 1951 is the Eightieth Anniversary Month for First Christian in Fort Wayne. In Faith our Church was founded. And this faith has been justified in the fine and noble Christian people who have served their Church, their Community and their Nation. Faith in God. In this faith our Church, our Nation was founded. In this faith our national institutions are rooted—our liberties secure. America needs us strong today.

Our Church, a most American Church, reminds you of our Nation's motto, "In God We Trust." Make your faith an active daily part of your personal life. Support it—Attend divine Services and give your Church the lift it needs.

When a Christian Prays: Hallowed in his hour of prayer by the Spirit of reverence for here is a fellowship lifted above the mean and contemptible, the Christian listens to the still small voice of hope and faith, to him it is unthinkable to resign one's self to fatalism.

Make it your resolve during these 14 Weeks of Devotion to attend Church regularly

KEEP YOUR RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FAITHFULLY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Celebrating The 80th Anniversary

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music under the direction of Clyde R. Copeland.

Sermon: "Prepare for Great Things"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

REMEMBER YOUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Junior Choir practice Saturday 10:10 A.M.

Classes for Everyone

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Report concerning "Pilot Missions." All Youth Invited.



Men and women in Family Camp, Troy, Missouri.

Christians Are Busy People

Christian men and women are the busiest people in the world.

In the Christian Churches of the United States and Canada, almost 8,000 adults serve as superintendents of church schools and directors of religious education. Teachers are estimated at from four to six times that number.

Adults counsel with and direct youth groups, serve on church committees, do church calling, conduct religious censuses, take an active part in civic organizations for Christian social action, give leadership to church-centered projects for community betterment.

The summer program of camps and conferences requires the leadership of some 2,500 adult counselors and teachers each year.

To serve most effectively in these various places, men and women need program and study materials, they seek opportunities for training, they must have information. They look to the department of religious education of The United Christian Missionary Society for materials, counsel, and leadership training.

Family camps and adult conferences are conducted; they reach more than 2,500 leaders each year. Laboratory training experiences are offered for teachers of children. Materials are made available for parent education, church school enlargement programs, Christian social action projects, etc.

As the churches make their Thanksgiving offerings year by year, to help support the work of religious education, they are undergirding the whole program and strengthening the witness of Christian men and women.



Questions In Japan

A university student in Japan, calling on one of our missionaries, asks to learn about Christianity. "Who is your God in whom you believe and trust?" he asks. "What assurance do you have for life today, if you profess such a faith?"

A seventh grade boy speaks to the same missionary: "Sensi (teacher), are all the people in America Christians? We were told that America is a Christian nation. Is that true?"

Our missionaries in Japan are seeking to answer these and other questions by preaching and teaching, by example in every day living.



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JOIN THE FUN SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18

Men of the church are working hard on final arrangements for the 80th Anniversary pancake and sausage supper and religious film Sunday evening at the Church to benefit the building fund. The Men's Forum will serve the supper from 5 to 6:30 P.M. in the dining room. The menu will include hot pancakes, smoked sausage, apple salad and coffee. Milk will be available for children. The Church Band, directed by O. E. Ogden will play during the supper.

The Men's Class will have several showings of the Restoration film, "Fire on the Earth," in the Sanctuary during the evening so those attending can go directly to the half-hour movie after finishing supper. The supper is 65c for adults and 40c for children. If you do not have tickets, come anyway.

Choir Practice—Each Thursday evening 7:30 P.M. Clyde R. Copeland, Director.

Band Practice—Each Wednesday 7:30 7:30 P.H. O. E. Ogden, Director.

ANNUAL SUPPER AND BAZAAR — NOVEMBER 29

Sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship

Supper from 5 to 7 P.M. tickets: Adults, \$1.25; children 75c. The groups will each sponsor a booth at the Bazaar, the proceeds from all booths will go to the general treasury of the CWF.

A fine menu is being planned for the supper, invite your neighbors, friends and relatives to buy tickets. Tickets are in the hands of all Group Leaders. Mrs. H. M. Flowers is in charge of reservations, they should be in November 26.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. M. G. Heller is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. William Hilbish is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Others for Our Prayer List

Mrs. Charles Whitman, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Mrs. Louise Lacy, Mrs. John Leikauf, Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Mrs. Mallie Reidt.

EXECUTIVE — C.W.F.

Will meet with Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 334 W. Fleming Ave. Monday evening, November 19 at 7:30. Officers, Leaders and Department Chairmen make up the Executive Committee.

JOIN THE FUN AT THE PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER

SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18, 5 to 6:30



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SUNDAY IS WOMAN'S DAY

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — SEPTEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 31

Use this period to strengthen your Spiritual Life.

Make your Faith an active, daily part of your personal life.

FIND THE WAY

TO GIVE YOUR CHURCH more of your time, your strength and devotion.

It is not enough to think well of the Church or even to be a little proud of it. It is not enough to attend Church casually or occasionally. Those who join First Christian or other churches promise solemnly to support it by their presence, their prayers and from their purses. To do less does not measure up to the standards set forth by our Lord and Master. Token payments cannot forever protect status. Church membership must mean something vital if the church is to be a real factor in saving civilization. "There are two marks of a Christian—giving and forgiving."

WHEN A Christian Prays: Because his faith is in God, the anxiety of the day passes away. Because of his trust in the God of the Future, the impatience of the hour is only momentary. Because of his vision of God small horizons are lost in the larger view. Because he walks with Christ, he walks with his fellow-man in hope.

Make it your resolve during these 14 Weeks of Devotion to attend Church regularly

KEEP YOUR RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FAITHFULLY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

WOMAN'S DAY SERVICE


DR. E. K. HIGDON, world authority on Asiatic Christianity, author, executive secretary of Foreign Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society, is a most timely speaker for Sunday morning. Don't miss this opportunity of hearing a great Christian Missionary statesman. Our Christian Women's Fellowship will be in charge.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music under the direction of Clyde R. Copeland.

SERMON: Woman's Day Sermon

Dr. E. K. Higdon, Guest Speaker.



"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW . . ."



Praise God in his sanctuary!
Praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds!
Praise him for his abundant goodness!
Psalms 150: 1, 2



THANKS BE TO GOD

I do not thank Thee, Lord,
That I have bread to eat while others starve;
Not yet for work to do
While empty hands solicit Heaven;
Nor for a body strong
While other bodies flatten beds of pain.
No, not for these do I give thanks!

But I am grateful, Lord,
Because my meagre loaf I may divide;
For that my busy hands
May move to meet another's need;
Because my doubled strength
I may expend to steady one who faints.
Yes, for all these do I give thanks!



For heart to share, desire to bear
And will to lift.
Flamed into one by deathless Love—
Thanks be to God for this!
Unspeakable! His Gift!

—Janie Alford



Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart:
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days;
But such a heart, whose pulse may be
Thy praise.

—George Herbert



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AUTUMN, 1623: By this time harvest was come, and in stead of famine, now God gave them plentie, and ye face of things was changed, to ye rejoycing of ye harts of many, for which they blessed God. And ye effect of their particular planting was well seene, for all had, one way & another, plenty well to bring ye year aboute, and some of ye abler sorte and more industrious had to spare, and sell to others, so as any generall want or famine hath not been amongst them since this day.

WILLIAM BRADFORD, GOVERNOR OF
PLYMOUTH PLANTATION



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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Thanksgiving offering held over until next Sunday.

C.Y.F. — 7:30 P.M.

Well Planned program for this Sunday.

All Youth Invited

NOTES

Choir Practice — Each Thursday evening, 7:30 P.M. Clyde R. Copeland, Director

Band Practice — Each Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. O. E. Ogden, Director.

Our Pastor has been unable to make sick calls during the past week because of a severe cold.

HATS OFF TO MEN OF THE CHURCH

The men of the church deserve a lot of credit for making a big success of the pancake and sausage supper last Sunday evening. More than 100 persons were served and approximately \$85.00 was taken in of which a substantial sum will go into the building fund after expenses are paid. The supper was put on by the Men's Forum headed by Robert Koontz. The church band, under the direction of O. E. Ogden, and with Clyde Copeland as guest conductor for one number, was well received.

An added attraction was showing of the film, "Salt of The Earth," under the sponsorship of the Men's Class. Donations for the movie totaled \$5.85.

The following are to be thanked for donations for the supper: Albert Egly for the Limberlost pancake flour; Vermont Maid for the syrup; Delmas Young for the honey; Parrots for a substantial contribution toward the sausage. \$3.00 in trade as a door prize went to Mrs. Hugh Rice. Clarence Hendrickson fried the pancakes.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Gary, born to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Coffman, Tuesday, November 20, at the Lutheran Hospital. Randall Kent, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brubaker, at Lutheran Hospital, Sunday evening, November 18. Son born to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Chaney, R.R. 7, Paulding Road. Our sincere congratulations to these parents in the birth of their sons.

ANNUAL SUPPER AND BAZAAR

Sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 29 — 5 to 7 P.M.

A tasty menu is being prepared for the supper with a choice of chicken or ham, potatoes, craberry sauce, salad, vegetable, and topped off with home baked pie. All this for \$1.25, children under 10 years 75c. A treat for all the family.

And in the Social room of the Church will be found several booths sponsored by the groups of the C.W.F. where you may purchase many lovely items for Christmas giving. You may purchase home-made candies, baked goods and other tast foods from our Candy and pantry shelf booths.

Be sure to attend the supper and visit our Bazaar. Tickets for the supper may be secured from any member of the Christian Women's Fellowship. Reservations should be in by Tuesday evening, November 27.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. J. R. Coar underwent surgery last week, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. M. G. Heller is a surgical patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. William Hilbish is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

BUILDING FUND BANKS BEING DISTRIBUTED

The home building fund bank campaign was started last Sunday with distribution of the little "miracle boxes" to our Church families. If you did not receive yours be sure to get it this Sunday. We feel all will wish to share even more, with the Church, of that which God has privileged them to have. Richard Schrecongost and Clayton Yoquelet are heading up this program.



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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — SEPTEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 31

FIND THE WAY

What do you think of being a **Disciple of Christ**? For 140 years, as a people, we have plead that Christians recognize Christians in all churches; that we try to be a part of the answer to our Lord's prayer; that we all be one. It was not a popular idea, but we have helped and encouraged all co-operative enterprises. We have seen the Missionary Movement, the Sunday School Movement join the hands of the Churches, as we ourselves assumed active leadership. We have seen the organization of The Federal Council of Churches and World Council of Churches, we have seen Protestant Churches grow co-operative, in local Communities. And in this time we have become the 5th largest Protestant group in America. Let us not forget our heritage.

When A Christian Prays he does not expect easy answers. He is concerned in discovering God's will for him. He does not want God's truth in his mind only—but he wants to translate it into his life. Therefore, being sincere, attentive and obedient, he listens with his heart as well as with his mind.

Make it your resolve during these 14 Weeks of Devotion to attend Church regularly.

KEEP YOUR RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FAITHFULLY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude

SERMON: "When One Takes The Initiative"

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

December is a month for Church School parties and activities—Send your announcements to the **Tidings**.

ELDERS' SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 2, Owen Vaught, Dale Parkerson; December 9, F. Wayne Rousseau, Cecil Rice; December 16, Hugh D. Rice, Floyd E. Morrical; December 23, Robert E. Clipp, C. E. Fuchshuber; December 30, Joseph M. Fitch, Alan C. Bell.

DEACONS' SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Wm. E. Tracey, Captain, H-28554; C. D. Palmer, Ralph J. Richard, Martin C. Brudi, J. J. McCarel, J. E. Tracey, E. G. Rose, R. R. Ripple, D. E. Coffman.

If unable to serve please call your Captain.

Official Board meeting Wednesday, December 5, at 8:00 P.M.

At Work In The Mountains

The missionary work in the Apayao district of the Philippines will be supplemented this year by the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Keyes, who sailed in September for that field. The territory to which they go is high up in the mountains around Kabugao, in northern Luzon. To reach it, missionaries travel by car or jeep along sheer cliffs—often on a one-way road—and cover the last miles up the rivers by boat.

The Keyes will teach in the Mission high school and work particularly in the agricultural field. The Apayao Christian Academy was opened in July, 1948, to serve a formerly isolated region. Regular high school courses are offered, also Bible, sewing, cooking, carpentry, gardening and animal husbandry.

The new workers are well-equipped to serve here. Mr. Keyes, from a rural background, is a graduate of Cornell University in agricultural economics. Both he and Mrs. Keyes attended the Kennedy School of Missions and the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky. Both have had practical experience in U. S. Extension work. Mrs. Keyes will serve particularly in home and family life education.

The Keyes took a variety of equipment to use in developing this territory, including: an electrical generator and wiring for Kabugao and Lagangilang schools; a supply of cans and canning equipment for demonstration to encourage conservation of the meat supply; and an outboard motor to navigate the swift mountain rivers.

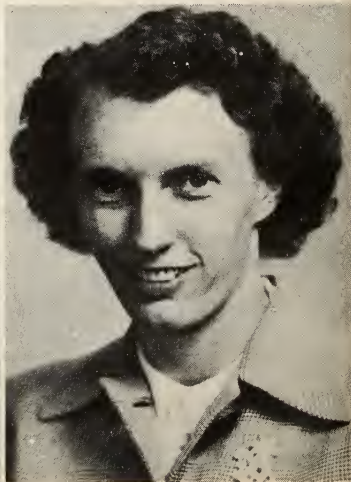
This is an especially fertile field for evangelism; the young people are eager for education and present an unusual opportunity for service.

Ministry To The Churches

The 7,761 superintendents and directors of religious education in our churches look to the department of religious education of the United Society for assistance.

They seek aid in matters of church school administration, the training of teachers, and program building for the Christian education of children, youth and adults.

To render such service, the department helps to maintain a staff of 50 state and area directors of religious education, and many who give special help in children's and youth work. More than 200 members of state committees of Christian education also give their time voluntarily.



Lynn and Lillian Keyes, (rhymes with "eyes"), new missionaries to the Philippines.



**"Blessed Is The Nation
Whose God Is Jehovah"**

R. N. S.

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Sunday, December 2nd

UP

STEP

First Christian is indeed grateful to the fine members of this Church whose consecration is making our church outstanding in its leadership and devotion. This is the time that hundreds of First Christian members review their giving to the local budget. Our faithful members will step up their giving as they find it in their heart and power to do so. It's a GREAT DAY when Christians rise up and do the job. Sunday is our great day.

CONSIDER TITHING

There are two laws proclaimed in the Bible—one is the Tithe, the other is to observe the Lord's Day. It pays to obey the law.

John Wanamaker rigidly obeyed the law of the Tithe. He pursued the practice, reaped the reward. John Huyler, obeying and living the law of tithing, left an army of Christian workers in his wake, whom he helped out of poverty and sickness into health. He became the Candy King of America, rich in deeds and in dollars. Roy Smith wrote, "Tithers don't backslide". "God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 2125 No. Anthony on Wednesday, December 5, at 1:30.

The Royal C. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 So. Fairfield Ave., Wednesday afternoon, December 5, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. J. C. Koegel will tell the Christmas Story.

RUMMAGE SALE

The C.W.F. Rummage Sale will be held for one day **December 7**. Please get your rummage to the church before Thursday, or, take it to the room on So. Calhoun on Thursday evening between 7 and 8 P.M. The Huber Circle is in general charge of the sale.

C.Y.F.

The Youth Group has several interesting programs planned for the next few weeks. There will be such things as plays, parties, the first issue of our paper and many other things. December 23 we have planned our new and different Christmas party. Come, find out about our up and coming youth group.

PARENTS OF YOUTH. We need your help!!! You find out all you can about our Youth group and then help us by interesting your youth in our group. Soon our group is going to have an evening for you. Keep your eyes pen for the date that will be posted soon.

We meet in the social room at 6:30 P.M. every Sunday night, unless notified differently. **COME ON YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH, LET'S GET GOING!!!**

For Any Information Call Donna Leversee, H-37603.

NEXT ALL-CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

The next all-church event under general sponsorship of the First Christian Boosters Club will be held Sunday evening, December 16. It will be featured by motion pictures of interest to all members of the family. The December program is being arranged by the Elders and Deacons with Alan Bell as chairman.

Robert Koontz and George Bruckman, of the Men's Forum, report \$40.00 cleared from the pancake supper November 18. The Forum and Men's Class put on the evening's program. This brings the total raised for the building fund through projects instigated by the Booster Club to \$173.26. We're just getting a good start!

The C.Y.F. is in charge of the paper drive and has bound the paper ready for sale. We wish to thank all who brought in paper and who have brought magazines, books and other items for the "store." Special thanks are due to William Tracey, who donated a vacuum sweeper and Mrs. F. W. Rousseau for donation of wooden-slat screen. We need books, records, magazines and Christmas toys that are in good shape for sale in the store. Bring them in!



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FIND THE WAY

"Let us go unto the House of the Lord." Through the centuries, again and again, soldiers returning home, families together, at the end of a hard week—rejoicing over some good fortune, men and women have said, "I was glad when they said, 'Let us go unto the House of the Lord.'" The world has seen so much evil, but here will be heard the good news of the Gospel. Fathers, mothers, sons and daughters will go to Church together and will pray together.

Understanding, generosity, greater good will among peoples and individuals will be taught and found within the doors of the Church. **You can help make this a better world to live in by sustaining your Church . . .** not only by regular attendance, but by generous support and by your personal faith in and loyalty to the things for which it stands.

When a Christian Prays—He is opening the door wherein faith is strong and men master fear. There is one antidote for fear—that is faith—that strong faith in God with which our fathers faced an unmapped wilderness. The faith of Washington at Valley Forge. The faith of Lincoln. When Christians pray, they turn to God and depend on Him.

Make it your resolve during these 14 Weeks of Devotion to attend Church regularly.

KEEP YOUR RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FAITHFULLY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude

Sermon: "Can Sins Be Forgiven?"

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Old Fashioned Christmas Party is being planned for our Children—Watch for announcement.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

Very interesting program. Slides and lecture by Naturalist of note. Plan to be present this Sunday evening.

MEN'S FORUM 5 - 7 P.M.

Rev. John W. Meister, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will be the guest speaker. O. E. Ogden and his saxophone sextette will furnish special music. Rol-



Women In The Business Of The Church

Church women are business women. They employ pastors and teachers in isolated places of the country. They have an interest in churches which they have established in pioneer areas. Their representatives in far countries preach and teach the Gospel of Christ.

Women of the Christian Churches took the first step in this business when they began to see that the men should not shoulder the whole responsibility of the commission of Christ. Their eyes were opened to the needs of men and women, boys and girls. Since 1874 it has been their business to seek out areas of greatest need, and to minister in the name of Christ.

Christian Women's Fellowship, just a year old, is the outgrowth of the expanding work. Every woman of the church can claim membership. If she is a ten-talent or a one-talent person, there is a service she can render in the world-wide fellowship that extends to every land where our churches are found.

Christian women have surprised even themselves in their gifts for the world work. Growing gradually, and very slowly during some difficult years, the offerings of missionary organizations in the churches have reached an

annual total of over one million dollars for the last two years.

That gift in itself is an expression of the devotion of women to Christ. When put to work in the support of missionaries, workers in religious education, evangelists, teachers, doctors and nurses, the gift is translated into the work of His church.



Two Girls Of India

Two little girls came to the eye clinic at the Christian Hospital, Mungeli, reports Mrs. Victor Rambo of the Disciples of Christ India Mission.

Sumathi was plump and dimpled. Sahudra was thin and timid. Sumathi's dress was a pretty cotton plaid. Sahudra wore only a piece of coarse cloth about her hips. Sumathi's parents were rich and cultured. Sahudra lived in a mud hut in a small village; no one in her family could read.

Both were brought to the hospital by anxious parents for eye surgery. They received the same skillful treatment for the doctor could see no real differences in these six-year-old girls.

When they went home with improved vision, both they and their parents had learned something of the true meaning of Christianity.



To Achieve Peace

We must accept discipline.

We must evaluate our activities and our use of time.

We must consecrate our daily tasks to the ideals of peace.

We must recognize that no nation alone achieves lasting peace.

We must realize that peace must be waged continually.

(From the General Department of United Church Women, National Council of Churches of Christ.)

CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACTION

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

— Arthur B. Patton

National and state officers of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, in conference at the College of Missions, Indianapolis, January, 1912.



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land Ripple will lead in group singing. Election of Officers for 1952. Last time "Bob" Koontz will preside as president. Good supper promised. Be sure to be present.

BAND PRACTICE WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY 7:30 P.M.

GOOD RESPONSE TO STEP UP CARDS

If you have not already done so, please bring your step-up cards with you next Sunday and place in offering plates, or, mail them in to the office.

Christian Women's Fellowship

A Special Invitation to the Women of the Church

The Rebecca Circle is holding its meeting at the Church on Tuesday evening, December 11 at 7:30 P.M. For program they have secured Mrs. J. D. Montgomery, Missionary, as speaker. The group extends a cordial invitation to all Groups and women of the Church to hear Mrs. Montgomery.

As a Christmas project, in lieu Christmas gift exchange, the members are having a stocking shower for the Cleveland Orphanage. All women of the Church may have a part in this project. Bring your gifts to the Tuesday evening meeting. Stockings for children for ages up to 18 years will be acceptable.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR FAMILY FLINN HOME

The Service Department of the C.W.F. is sponsoring the purchase of a walker for the Home at Marion, for Christmas. Your offering may be given to Mrs. Dare, president, or Mrs. Vaughn.

The Allan Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St., Thursday afternoon, December 13, at 2 P.M. Mrs. F. E. Morrical will present the program and Mrs. Myona Binkley will bring devotions.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington for a potluck luncheon at 12:30 on Wednesday, December 12.

The Dr. Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 608 E. Creighton on Monday evening, December 10. The members will have a 25c gift exchange.

The Evening Guild will have a Christmas dinner at Howard Johnson's Restaurant on Monday evening, December 10 at 6 o'clock. Following the dinner the group will go to Mrs. Raymond Sarrazin's for the business meeting.

BRING IN YOUR KEEPSAKES FOR DISPLAY DECEMBER 16

As part of the church-wide building fund benefit program Sunday, December 16, a display of keepsakes or prized possessions is planned. The success of this depends on our members so bring in your keepsakes the morning of December 16. Suggested for display are old Bibles, hymnals and other religious keepsakes; daguerrotypes; stereoscopes; old guns, swords and powder horns; canes, salt and pepper shaker collections, coin, autograph and stamp collections, apple peelers and coffee grinders. The rare items display is in charge of Henry Flowers and Josh Craig. Special care will be taken of all items.

Tickets for the movies December 16 are available from the Elders and Deacons. Alan Bell heads up this program.

PUT THESE BOOSTERS EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Boosters Club events with dates and sponsors follow:

December 16—Movies, keepsakes display. Elders and Deacons.

January 20—Dinner. Come Double Class.

February 21—Fun Festival. Boosters Club.

March 21—Annual Talent Night, C.Y.F.

April 17—Movies and Magician. Sunday School.

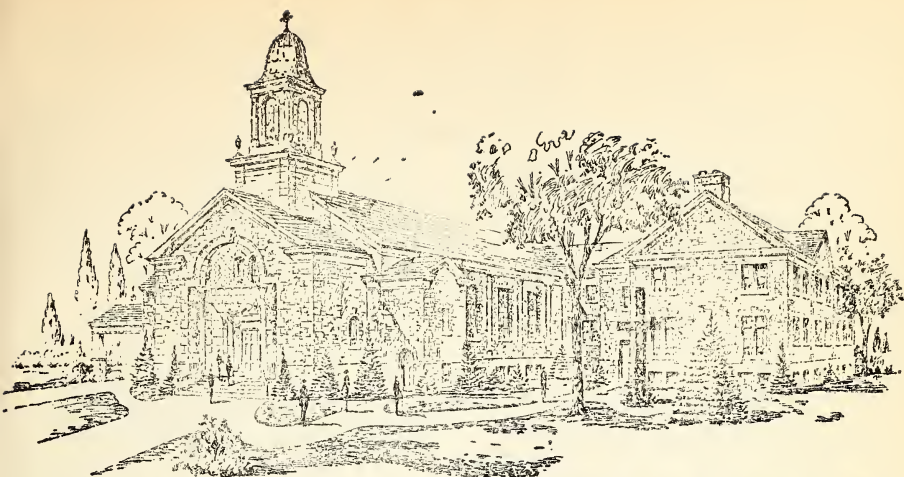
May 15—Program of Music. Choir and Band.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Amy Shawhan is ill at her home, 1123 W. Wayne St. Mrs. J. R. Coar and Mrs. M. G. Heller are making slow recovery at their homes.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy of our Church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander M. Campbell in the death of Mrs. Campbell's father, Mr. Church.



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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — SEPTEMBER 30 — DECEMBER 31

FIND THE WAY

It happened in Church. "The sermon was on "Friendliness." I had seen him, I didn't like him. He'd never speak or if he did it was sort of a hiss, and I hissed back. There he was in church near me. It was a good sermon. I decided I'd do something about it. Well I did. The joke was on both of us, for he was new at the office, too, and he was thinking the same of me. You can't go by appearance. I'm going to do more than my share in breaking the ice." If we are going to have a decent world we just must be friendly.

Christmas is a "church festival in memory of the birth of Christ"! It is inconceivable that Christ - ians (those belonging to Christ) would sponsor drunkenness in a celebration of His Birth. Christ - mas (Christ's Supper). If you give liquor, don't call it a "Christmas present." If you drink, don't do it as a part of a "Christmas celebration." If you drink at Christmas time, don't sing Christmas songs.

Christmas is a time to hear the angels sing!

"Forward" Park Ave. Christian Church.

Make it your resolve during these 14 Weeks of Devotion to attend Church regularly.

KEEP YOUR RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FAITHFULLY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25

Sermon: "One of Us" Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music

Great Congregation — delightful singing of Christmas Carols last Sunday.

SEE ALL-CHURCH MOVIES, KEEPSAKES EXHIBIT SUNDAY

The church's new movie projector will be used for the first time since its purchase next Sunday night for showing of family films to benefit the building fund. Tickets for the movies to start at 7:30 P.M. may be obtained from Elders or Deacons for 40 cents for adults and 15 cents for children of grade or high school age or younger, and one dollar for the whole family. If you have no ticket, come anyway.

Be sure to bring in your prized possessions or keepsakes Sunday for display Sunday night. Arrange to take them home after the exhibit ends as sponsors do not wish to be responsible for them after that time.

Religious Education Keeps Pace

To the women of our churches goes the credit for pioneering in Bible Chairs for the Christian education of university students. In the days when students were entering state-supported schools by the thousands, our Christian Woman's Board of Missions became concerned that their religious education might not keep pace with the secular.

It was 1893 that the first Bible Chair was established at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; others followed quickly. Four have continued through the years, with constantly increasing attendance: University of Michigan, University of Kansas, University of Virginia, and University of Texas.

These four schools enroll a total of

45,632 students with 1,325 from Christian Church homes.

The work of the Bible Chairs is now accredited. Last year, for instance, at the University of Kansas 590 students received credit for Bible study. In five years the University of Texas has enrolled 796.

Courses offered include The Life and Teachings of Jesus, The Religion of the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, Religious Teachings on Marriage and the Family, etc.

The Bible Chairs are now maintained under the auspices of the Department of Religious Education of the United Society. The directors are: Harold G. Barr, Lawrence, Kansas; H. L. Pickerill, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Paul Wessenick, Austin, Texas; and S. Vernon McCasland, Charlottesville, Va.

After Thirty Years

Both Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have rural backgrounds and were especially pleased to go into the virgin territory of Belgian Congo, since the forests of Africa were reminders of those in their native states.

The Boyers are very capable teachers and their work has been largely with the boys in the boarding schools, whose devotion they have earned because of their diligence and interest in these "children of the forest." Primitive conditions have been accepted as a challenge rather than a hindrance.

Not content to stay on the mission compound, however, this energetic couple loved to go on itinerating trips into the interior whenever time could be spared from the station work. Much of their time has been spent in supervising the native teachers and evangelists in the out-station churches and schools.

The Wema station is one of six mission stations supported through The United Christian Missionary Society.



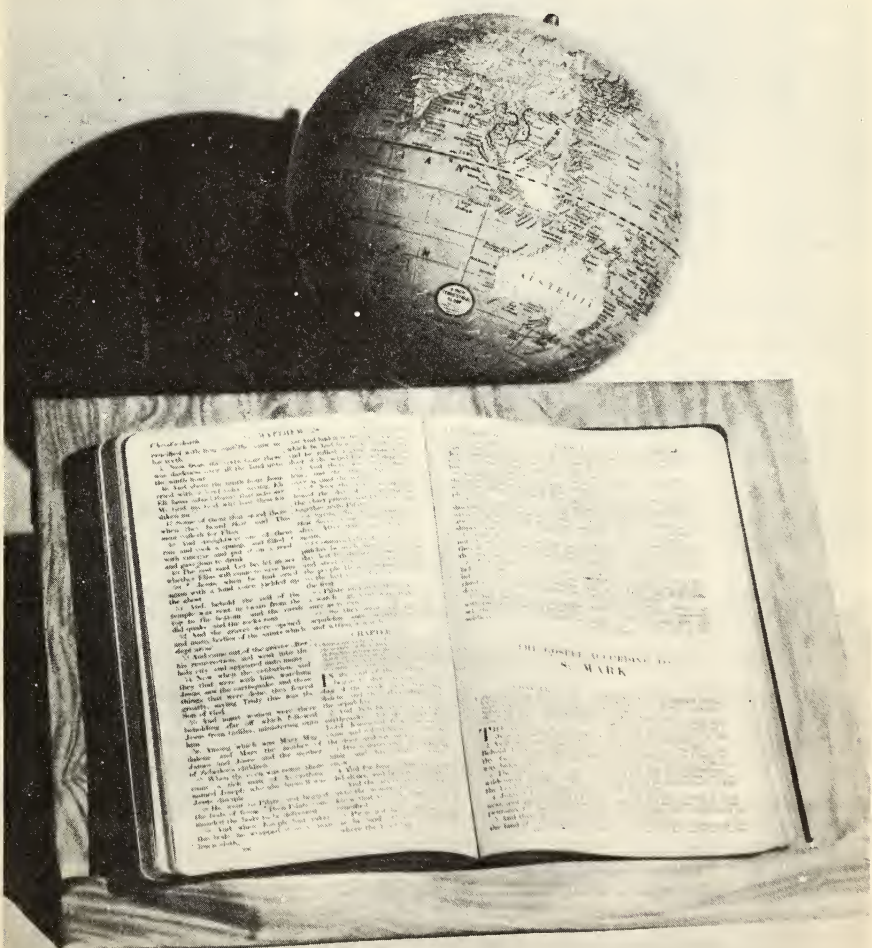
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Boyer

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyer are on furlough this year, the 30th anniversary of their service in the Congo Mission.

The intervening years have been spent in teaching and preaching, first at Bolenge, then farther inland at Mondombe, and finally in the relatively primitive area of Wema.

These sincere Christians met while both were students at Eugene Bible University, from which he graduated, in addition to finishing at the University of Oregon and the former College of Missions, Indianapolis.

**"This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached
in all the world."**



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CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 17th, 7:00 P.M. Program

Program by Children. Band will play. Christmas treat and a Santa Claus for small children.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

Important Business and program plans for 1952 to be discussed.

CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY 7:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M. at the Church. Mrs. Charles Dare is in charge of a short business session. The Esther Circle will give the devotions, special music by the Program committee. Hospitality by Higdon Circle, refreshments by Rebecca Circle. For the program Mrs. Mary Decker, guest speaker, will present a Christmas theme.

ATTENTION: CIRCLE LEADERS OR TREASURERS

December closes the first half of the Missionary Year. The General Treasurer requests that all groups get project money and dues in by the 21st.

WALKER FUND FOR EMILY FLINN HOME

There is time to give your offerings to either Mrs. Dare or Mrs. Vaught toward the Christmas gift of a walker for use at the Emily Flinn Home at Marion. The dead-line for gifts is this Sunday.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet has been confined to her home by illness.
Mr. Leo E. Miller has been a patient in the Hospital for observation.
Mrs. Amy Shawhan is ill at her home, 1123 W. Wayne St.

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. E. N. Schlatter in the recent loss of her Aunt.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING OF BABIES

This Service for Blessing of the babies will be held on December 23rd at the Morning Worship Service. Call the Church office, E-2737 afternoon, for further information.

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 1952

Church envelope boxes for 1952 will be out on tables at the rear of the Sanctuary on Sundays, December 16, 23, 30. Be sure to check the name on the box before taking it. If you do not find yours, Mrs. Vaught will assist you. Thank you.

PUT THESE BOOSTERS EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR

December 16—Movies, keepsakes display. Elders and Deacons.
January 20—Dinner. Come Double Class.
February 21—Fun Festival. Boosters Club.
March 21—Annual Talent Night, C.Y.F.
April 17—Movies and Magician. Sunday School.
May 15—Program of Music. Choir and Band.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY — SEARS PAVILION

Thursday, December 20th, 6:00 P.M. Pot luck supper. Exchange of Gifts. Bring children.



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

After nineteen and one half centuries, the wonder expressed in the Bible story of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, continues.

What mattered to Augustus Caesar, on that day was the enrollment of Palestine. He wanted more taxes. Herod was concerned for he needed Roman favor and support to maintain order in Judea. It mattered to the people, for they were to enroll their property and possessions for fresh exactions. The Innkeeper in Bethlehem was busy with unprecedented business.

What was really important was the birth of a boy baby in a stable. This birth would effect the lives of multiplied thousand. More than Augustus ever dreamed he could rule. The really great thing happening was the birth of a babe in a stable. Augustus and his court would have considered that a practical joke. But a tremendously great thing had come to pass. The good news reached only a few in that holy scene. And yet "the hopes and fears of all the years" were met on that holy night around the manger.

Rarely do things of great importance find place in our newspapers, because those of greatest importance are spiritual. These are known through results. Wars, famines, taxes, crime and punishments; production, business, social obligations take precedent. And as in Augustus and Herod's day, there is fear and insecurity everywhere.

How long will we give preference to the trivial and inconsequential? How long will we give the odds and ends, and minimum hospitality of our time, our interest and our money to that which alone can give meaning to our world? May we pray this Christmas that more and more those, belonging to Christ, will heed the angels song and follow the star which reveals divine wisdom.

A Glorious Christmas to every one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmage Beck
and Martha Jeannette.

The Light of Christmas

THE PROPHECY OF LIGHT

Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples: but Jehovah will rise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

THE COMING OF THE LIGHT

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with fear.

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for, behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace among men with whom he is pleased."

THE RECEPTION OF THE LIGHT

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

... When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.



To be Himself a star most bright
To bring the wise men to His sight,
To be Himself a voice most sweet
To call the shepherds to His feet;
To be a child — it was His will,
That folk like us might find Him still.

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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICES

Organ Prelude: 10:25 a.m.

Special Music by Choir

SERMON: "Let Nothing You Affright"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

SERVICE FOR BLESSING OF BABIES

This Service for Blessing of the babies will be held on December 23rd at the Morning Worship Service. Children should be at the Church by 11:15 A.M.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Parents are asked to bring the children and have them here by 11:15 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Treats are awaiting those children who were unable to attend the Christmas party. Congratulation to teachers and officers who made the Christmas party such a happy one last Monday night.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

The traditional service of candle lights, Christmas Carols and responses with a short meditation, bring Christmas delight to our people each year. Do not miss the program this year.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

The C.Y.F. will meet at the home of Miss Leversee and will attend in a body the candle light service and will return afterwards for a social hour.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The choir will meet for practice Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Don Eyer is being inconvenienced by a broken toe.

Mrs. Ronald Daily of 444 Bass street is confined to her bed as a result of a bad fall.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to

Mrs. Carlyle Seibert in the death of her father, Mr. Clarence A. Quince.

Mr. Dale Hiler and sister in the loss of her husband, Samuel J. Leland. Mr. Leland is a former deacon in this church.

Mrs. Ota G. Field in the death of her husband. Mr. Field was one time superintendent of our church school.

Mrs. W. L. Hilbisch and family in the death of her husband.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The record of your attendance of the 14 weeks of devotion will be concluded one week from Sunday.

HONOR ROLL

Our year ends one week from Tuesday. The Honor Roll will be published with the names of those who have their pledges paid in full for the year. If possible pay your pledge in full. The church is enabled to keep her accounts paid as the members keep their envelopes up-to-date. Our membership is faithful in this regard and we wish to honor them.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR NURSERY

Two Cribs and Mattresses arrived at the Church from Sigrists, through the generosity of H. W. Sigrist.



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AT THE END OF THE YEAR

As we come to the end of the year the light of the days of the past month breaks through — the smiles, the tears, the words of love spoken; for some the eyes that once shone, diminished and gone. Memory brings these lights about us of past days. And yet we can thank God for the experience of hill and dale, cloud and sunshine. We can thank God for friends, for home, children and parents, for the Church — The House of Prayer — and the comfort, strength, peace of the Gospel of the Lord. May thanks be given for vision and generosity of our people in laying the foundation for great service to God and for man in the beautiful Church Sanctuary and educational plant now under construction.

We can truly pray to our God.

"So teach us to number our days
That we may get us an heart of wisdom:
Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants
And Thy glory upon their children.
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;
And establish the work of our hand upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

Sermon: "Expecting A Miracle?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes for all age groups.

Christmas Offering held over this Sunday

A Plus Service

The lack of printed materials in Spanish is a real handicap to the religious education program of our Puerto Rico Mission. A union press for Protestant missions does provide a minimum of help, especially for pastors. For the hundreds of children in our Sunday schools there are no such attractive story papers as those provided for schools in the States. There are no public libraries, shelves piled high with books and magazines.

The pitifully small stock of materials on the shelves of our mission library at McLean Conference Grounds are read over and over. In this rural community there are one hundred readers—children, youth and adults. The library is like an oasis in a barren land.

With halfday school for most children, no planned recreation, and no place to play at home, the church in Puerto Rico has a responsibility for recreation and entertainment, as well as character-building.

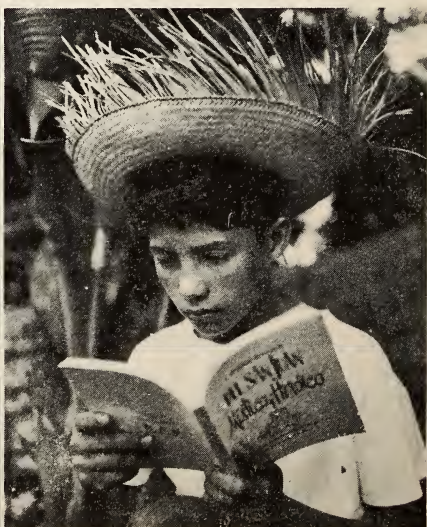
The Spirit of S. C. I.


There is nothing new or strange about the program at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. Such is the experience of Walter W. Haskell, who joined the staff this year after more than thirty years with our China Mission.

Mr. Haskell found 550 Negro students, from many states, joined with the faculty in Sunday services which made a deep impression on him. Most students are church members when they come and practically all unite with the Campus Church for the period they are in school. Twenty-four new members were added at the opening service this year, one by baptism. Three of the new students are from Jamaica.

A fine spiritual atmosphere pervades the graded church school and the worship service which follows. President John Long serves as pastor. Students and faculty members serve on the church board and on committees.

Children haunt the library at McLean Conference Grounds.





IN THE SANCTUARY

We stand in the presence of our Father God,
And bow before his majesty and power,
And offer him honor and glory and praise,
And pledge to him the love and loyalty of
our hearts,
And the service of our lives.

—CHAUNCEY R. PIETY

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C.Y.F. — Sunday — 6:30 P.M.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations! Wedding Bells rang for Miss Wanda Horn and Chalmer Miller, Jr., on Saturday, December 22.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1952

Trustees: B. W. Leversee, Alexander M. Campbell, Sherman G. Myers.
Elders: Henry M. Flowers, Wm. H. Crouse, Dr. A. C. Worley, John Z. Berlien.
Deacons: Merland G. Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, Fred H. Wilson, R. H. Cole, Richard Schrecongost, J. Hugh Tracey, David A. Griggs, Paul A. Strawser, Jack E. Weicker, Harold W. Crowder, Harold K. Pritchard.
Deaconesses: Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson, Mrs. Gail J. Roe.
Treasurer, Glenn R. Miller; Financial Secretary, Sherman G. Myers; Assistant Financial Secretaries, James R. Shockney, Francis W. Edgerton, C. Roy Chambers, Robert W. Ashe.
Church School Superintendents, Dale Parkerson, Eural G. Rose, John S. Craig; Church Clerk, Mrs. Owen Vaught.
Chairman of Official Board, William H. Crouse; Vice-Chairman, Gail J. Rose; Chairman, Elders, Charles E. Fuchshuber; Chairman, Deacons, Earl T. Fusselman; Vice-Chairman, Deacons, J. Hugh Tracey; Chairman, Trustees, Sherman G. Myers.

SAVE OLD CHURCH CALENDARS

Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull's Sunday School Class has a project for which they need **old Church Religious Calendars**. They will appreciate it if members of the Church will bring their old calendars with them when they come to Church, after the First of the New Year.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express deepest sympathy to Mr. T. J. Dalton in the recent death of his dear wife.

NEW OFFICERS PROGRESSIVE CLASS 1952

Rolland R. Ripple, Teacher; Paul E. Whitton, President; William Tracey, Vice-President; Paul A. Strawser, Treasurer.

NEW OFFICERS COME DOUBLE CLASS 1952

President, Mr. Harold Crowder; Vice-president, Don J. Eyer; Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. C. Robinson.

NOTES

Due to the fine generosity of the members of First Christian sufficient offering was received to purchase **two** walkers for use at the Emily E. Flinn Home of Aged at Marion. The Dept. of Service of the Christian Women's Fellowship, sponsoring this project, wishes to thank all who had a part in making these walkers possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOOSTERS CLUB

Building Fund receipts from projects conducted by, and suggested by the First Christian Boosters Club since its start in the Fall totaled \$213.88 on December 22. The movies and candy and popcorn sales of December 16 raised \$29.92 after payment of \$2.00 expenses. This was very good considering the cold and snowstorm. The event was sponsored by the Elders and Deacons with Alan Bell as chairman. The prized possessions exhibit was an outstanding success.

Receipts are divided as follows:

Three special monthly promotions	\$111.74
Sale of books, magazines, etc., in Basement store	90.82
Donations in Banks at rear of Church	11.32
Total	\$213.88



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GREETINGS FOR 1952

Thorwaldsen, the great sculptor of Denmark, was asked, "Which is your greatest statue?" Without hesitation, he said, "The next one."

We have entered the New Year of 1952. This year will be our best. It is within the power of this great congregation to make it just that. We have entered the threshold of a New World. Atomic power, the great unknown liberator or destroyer speaks a blessing and a warning in each new blast. What a new world, mysterious with great unknowns.

As Abraham stood on the banks of the Euphrates and looked off toward strange, distant, unknown lands, we, too, implore God, "Carry us not up hence except Thou go with us."

This year shall hear First Church say, let us go up even now to the House of God, made ready for His people to worship and serve Him in spirit and in truth.

May 1952 find your duty inspiring and all your days be blessed.

O God look upon our Church, Blessit. We need Thy presence. We know Thou dost not forget Thine own.

—Robert Talmage Beck

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Serman: "As It was in the Beginning"

Installation of New Officers

Special Music by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes for all age groups.



Walter Gennrich, his wife and two boys, are among the German families re-settled through the United Society. He is a dairyman.

Beginning Again

Many families of German origin, expelled from their homes in adjoining countries in the change of governments following the war, have lived through these years as refugees in camps of Germany and Austria.

Because of the seriousness of their situation, a law passed by our Congress makes it possible for them now to look to America for new opportunity.

Volunteer agencies of the Church are arranging for the re-settlement in the United States of all who are allowed entrance. Our own brotherhood has agreed to find homes for 100 families through the department of social welfare of the United Society.

Almost as soon as word went out concerning the need, letters came offering homes and employment. Some are already in their new homes and sponsors are pleased with their alertness and the spirit of cooperation shown in new and sometimes baffling situations.

Others are coming each week. These are farmers, for the most part, and the majority have small children.

All are Protestants. They speak German and a very little English.

Anyone wishing to sponsor such a family can secure further information from the Department of Social Welfare of the United Society, with names, case histories and photographs. Such a gesture of Christian concern follows the example of Christ in his concern for all peoples.



Evangelism Bears Fruit

Months of tent meetings proved a successful means of evangelism in Villa Platte, Louisiana, among French-speaking people. The meetings, held last summer by John Newman of the French Mission in a tent supplied by the Home Missions Division of The United Christian Missionary Society, have resulted in the organization of a new church.

Villa Platte, in southern Louisiana, is one of the few towns in which the French language is still predominant. This is the first and only Protestant church in a population of 4000. Mr. Dolsey Fontenot is the pastor. Assistance in support of the work is given through the United Society.



God of our lives, O hear our
prayer
As the New Year dawns and the
Old Year goes.
Take from our hearts their load
of care;
Give to our souls Thine own
repose
As we lay aside our fear and
grief,
Our countless failures, our spite
and hate;
Give us Thy Spirit's sure relief
As we our lives reconsecrate.

Dorothy Gould*

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C.Y.F. — Sunday — 6:30 P.M.

Mass meeting of all — First Methodist Wed., Jan. 9, 7:30 P.M.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 6, Glenn R. Miller; Alan C. Bell.
January 13, Cecil Rice; Joseph M. Fitch.
January 20, C. E. Fuchshuber; Henry M. Flowers.
January 27, Hugh D. Rice; Wm. H. Crouse.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Gail J. Roe, Captain, E-2675; Don J. Eyer, Herbert C. Banet, Wm. E. Tracey,
Jay J. McCarel, Chester L. Follis, Clayton Yoquelet, M. G. Heller.
If unable to serve please call your captain.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on **TUESDAY** evening, January 8, at 8:00 P.M.
Please note change in day.

Sunday, January 6 — 7:45 P.M.

FOR NEW MEMBERS

Others Are Invited.

The pastor will meet with new members who have come into the Church. He will present the position of the Church and there will be opportunity for questions. The Minister and his family wish to express, through the **Tidings** their appreciation of the many Greetings and expressions of kindness and courtesies that came to their house during this Christmas Season.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. John J. Menke, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Chester Follis has been seriously ill.
Mrs. Ronald Dailey has been ill with a severe cold.

John Kreps, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Meldren Kreps has been seriously ill with meningitis. He is much improved.

Mrs. Charles B. Whitman remains confined to her home on 3715 S. Warsaw St.

Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey's mother has been quite ill at Mrs. Tarcey's home at 804 Col-erick St.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller in the recent death of a niece.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

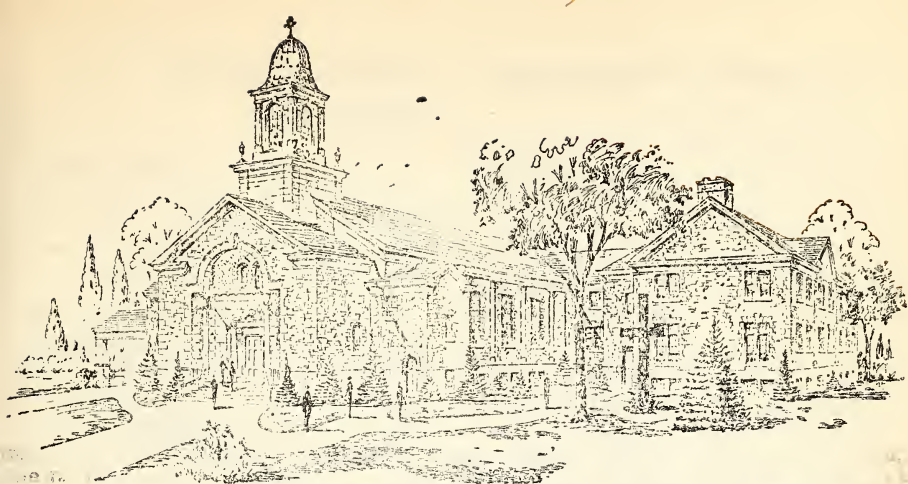
January is Camp Site Month. At this time the women of the church are asked to give \$1:00 each toward the Camp site funds. This is a project of the Indiana C.W.F.

The Allen Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, 818 Monroe St., on Thursday afternoon, January 10. Mrs. Kenneth Stickler will give devotions and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist is in charge of program.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., on Tuesday, January 9, at 1:45 P.M.

Rebecca Circle—Home of Mrs. John S. Craig, 4516 Smith, Tues., Jan. 8th, 7:30 p.m.
Mrs. Robert T. Beck will review "So Sure of Life" by Violet Wood. Mrs. Alen Current, Ass't Hostess.

COMPLETE YOUR SILENT REGISTRATION AND RETURN YOUR CARD



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Number 15

MAKE IT A POINT DURING THE NEXT 14 WEEKS

Our lives, in a common expression, need to be pointed up. Yes, so little can mean so much if you will make it a point to **come to Church!** Spend 90 minutes, of the 10,080 minutes, in every week, in worship.

Each day of each week begin with prayers. Spend 5 to 10 minutes reading the Scripture. Pray each evening before you retire. Spend 90 more minutes of the 10,080 in the week. **Repeat this each week until Easter.** You will find yourself a stronger and happier person.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Our music was beautiful last Sunday. Our great congregation inspiring.

Organ Prelude 10:35 A.M.

Special Music

Service will emphasize the Total Program of Church.

The National Youth Leader of the National Council of Churches will be our guest.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Our Church School offers opportunities for study and Christian Fellowship.

A place for everyone.

MEN'S FORUM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 5 to 7 P.M.

Mr. Stanley Dickson, World Traveler, will be the guest speaker.

Jerry L. Brubaker, newly elected President, will preside at a short business session. Mr. Dickson is news broadcaster for WGL.

Special Music, Group singing, good food.

C.Y.F. IMPORTANT

A CALL TO ALL YOUTH

Meeting of Youth 2:30 to 4:00 P.M. in the Pilot Mission under the United Christian Youth Movement.

Many Youth show preference for First Christian in survey.

C.Y.F. MEETING 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY

Come and hear reports concerning Community-wide program.

"Something Happened"

Dukhala Nohar had a very uneventful life during her first eight or nine years in a village of India, about six miles from Tahkatpur. She was the daughter of very poor parents. Often there was not enough in the house to eat, and Dukhala roamed the jungles for whatever she might find.

Then something happened. Christians from a nearby village went to Dukhala's village to preach the gospel. She learned many of the songs and found much pleasure in singing them.

Something else happened. Dukhala's mother and father, and two other families of her village, were baptized and became Christians. Dukhala was very happy.

A few months later, when we were there in evangelistic camp, I said to Dukhala, "Are you going to school next year?" Her eyes showed a light I had not seen before as she said, "If you send me, of course I will go."

Miss Ethel Shreve, missionary to India under the United Society, with an Indian evangelist, preaches in a village home.

Christian Men's Fellowship

Men's groups in Christian churches are flourishing and giving great vitality to church life. They are found in most of the states as well as in Hawaii—1,345 of them.

To strengthen their service, these groups have recently reorganized in the Christian Men's Fellowship. This action was taken at the national retreat last summer. Presidents of state organizations form the National Advisory Commission of the CMF.

In taking on new responsibilities in church life, men have discovered new values in old relationships, and rewarding satisfaction in fellowship with other Christians.

Now in the Christian boarding school in Mungeli, Dukhala is no longer "child of grief" but has been renamed Sukhalin, "daughter of happiness."

—Ethel Shreve



Be not afraid to pray — to pray is right.
*Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray,
Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay;
Pray in the darkness, if there be no light.*

David Hartley Coleridge, 1796-1849



R. N. S. Photo

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MAGIC BOXES ARE ON THE MARCH

Astonishing results from the contents of first opening of boxes. If yours is not in bring it next Sunday to Church Office. Our New Church grows from our love and loyalty to Christ, Our Lord. Dick Schrecongast and Clayton Yoquelet will receive them.

DELIGHTED

Perfect records indicated on many reports of the 4 Weeks of Devotion. All speak in their silent way most encouraging words.

OFFICIAL BOARD

At the first meeting of the Official Board this year Division chairmen were announced by the president, William H. Crouse. An active program for the year has been outlined.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The regular monthly meeting of the C.W.F. will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 15 at 2:00 P.M. Program, "The Church Needs Its Agencies;" a take-off from the Radio Quiz "Comedy of Errors". Mrs. J. C. Koegel is in charge of Worship, McGavran Circle in charge of Hospitality, Kepple Circle, refreshments.

The Dr. E. K. Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. J. E. Weicker, 3024 South Hanna St. on Monday evening, January 14, at 7:30 P.M.

January is Camp Site Month. All women of Christian Churches in Indiana will give \$1.00 to build and improve Camp and Conference Sites in Indiana for our Youth.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, January 11, at 7:30 in the Church Parlor.

LETTER OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

A letter was received from Mrs. Glen Archer, Supt. of the Emily E. Flinn Home, expressing thanks and appreciation for the Christmas gift of two walkers for the Home.

The stocking project, for the Cleveland Orphanage, sponsored by the Rebecca Circle in lieu of a Christmas Gift exchange among its members, received 35 pairs of hose. Children of Cleveland Orphanage were pleased with candy from Junior and Intermediate Departments.

ALL CHURCH DINNER SUNDAY NOON, JANUARY 20

The fourth of the Boosters Club monthly events to benefit the building program will be held Sunday noon, January 20, in the Church Dining Room under the sponsorship of the Come-Double Class. It will be a carry-in dinner for fun and fellowship. Mrs. Stanley Cole is chairman of the arrangements committee and Harold Crowder is class president. Details will be announced next week. The dinner will precede the annual congregational meeting.

BOOSTERS BASEMENT STORE

The Boosters basement store is well stocked with books, magazines and records. Be sure to visit it, and continue to bring in your books and magazines. Junior Choir Rehearsal on Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME — NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

A son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ashe, on Tuesday, January 8, 1952.
Dana Martin, son to Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Brudi, Wednesday, January 2, 1952.
Malcolm Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Boswell, Tuesday, January 8, 1952.

OUR SYMPATHY

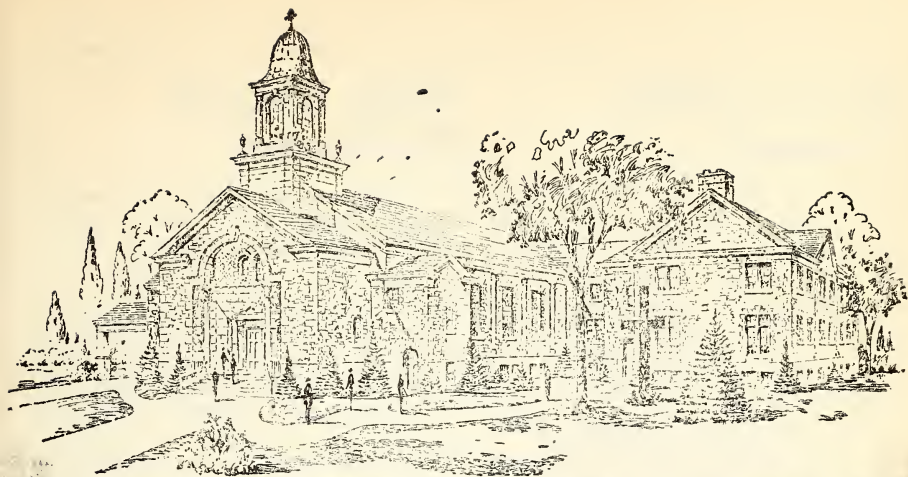
We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Edna Campbell and family, in the recent loss of her Aunt, Mrs. Ida M. Leikauf.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Kathryn Lucas is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Leo Blair, St. Joseph Hospital.

Judith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice is quite ill with double-pneumonia. Our prayers go out to these folk.



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MAKE IT A POINT EVERY WEEK UNTIL EASTER

Life must have balance to be wholesome—It needs to be pointed up here and there if it is to be symmetrical and strong. The function of religion is to furnish unity, strength, balance, control and sanity. This makes worship very important. Through worship that is real man is brought **face to face with God.**

Make it a point to come to Church... Spend these 90 minutes of the 10,080 minutes in every week in worship.

Begin each day with prayer. Spend 5-10 minutes in reading the Scripture. Pray each evening before you retire. Spend 90 more minutes of 10,080 minutes in each week. Our world needs this. **You need this.** Repeat every week until Easter. You will be a stronger and happier person.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Great congregation, marvelous congregational singing last Sunday. Our Choir excellent.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music

Sermon Subject: "Power Religion"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

"Going to Church with our Children." This is a great gift we can give them. Religious training given them now will be a cornerstone in the building of their character. Make it a point to come with your children regularly from now to Easter.

12 O'CLOCK NOON — COME EVERYONE

Carry In Dinner — for everyone — bring covered dish and table service. **Come-Double Class** has charge under Boosters Club's program. We're having fun, We'll see it through in fifty-two.

Missionaries Needed

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Pearson of the Congo Mission arrived in the States on November 11. They will retire after 20 years service, interrupted by 14 years at home for the education of their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Church H. Smiley of the Indian Mission find it impossible to return to the field because of health reasons. They have taken the pastorate of a church in Houston, Texas. The Smileys served thirty years in India.

These missionaries must be replaced. Others will be retiring this year, also, because of health or age. It is estimated that in ten years 77 missionaries will be needed for replacements in addition to at least 163 new workers for the expanding Christian program.

Almost 100 of our young people are now in training to fill these needs. The work can go on if the churches supply funds for support and undergird it through intercessory prayer.

New Church Dedicated

Dedication services for the second Church of Christ in Asuncion, Paraguay, under the auspices of the United Society, were held on October 21, 1951. The nucleus for a thriving congregation in the industrial section of the city was a Christian family which opened its home for prayer meetings. Fourteen persons were baptized on October 14.

The new church is sturdily built, of brick, plastered on the outside as is the custom of the city. Room has been made in the basement for educational purposes. Back of the church an amphitheater is planned for outdoor services, and a basketball court. At one side is a small parsonage.

This work at Barrio Colon was organized by Miss Agnes Fishbach who had served several years with the Mission. After her marriage in November, the direction of the work, including young people's clubs, Bible classes, etc., was taken over by Miss Ruth Knowlton.

Congregation at dedication of new church in Asuncion, Paraguay, October 21, 1951.





Winter Sleepers

Lyman Byghe

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C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Our young people are a part of a great program across the United States. Christian young people are on the march. Come be a part of this great program.

Gene Munro paid Youth of First Christian part of the cost of the Pilot Missions. Thanks, Gene!

MAGIC BOXES CONTINUE TO COME IN

Everyone can have a part in this program. R. K. Schrecongost and Clayton Yoquelet are doing a great job. Not only give them a pat on the back, but help them see this through. If you do not have a box, get one. Captain are helping in the distribution.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. C. V. Copeland, 933 McKinnie, fell and is suffering a broken hip.

PECANS — PECANS — PECANS

The Evening Guild still have some of those extra fine pecan nuts for sale. Please contact any one of the Guild members or call Mrs. Raymond Sarrazin, A-60113.

LET'S ALL ENJOY CHURCH DINNER SUNDAY

Arrangements have been completed for the church-wide dinner Sunday, January 20th, following the service of worship. The Come-Double Class is in charge of the dinner and has arranged a brief program (during the dinner hour) of fellowship and fun. Each family should bring a covered dish or two and table service. Single persons may bring olives, potato chips or something else. The food should be taken to the dining room before Sunday School or Church and will be kept warm and placed for serving. Rolls and coffee will be provided. Mrs. Stanley Cole is dinner committee chairman. This is the fourth of monthly events under auspices of the Boosters Club and an offering will be received for the building fund.

NOTES

Annual Meeting of the **Associated Churches of Fort Wayne** Thursday evening, January 24, at the Wayne Street Methodist Church. Dinner for representatives at 6:15 P.M. Open meeting for everyone at 8:00 P.M. **Sherman G. Myers** is receiving individual gifts for the great work of this organization in amounts of \$5.00 or more. Support this great cooperative work of which we are a part.

BUILDING NOTES

Work is again in progress on the new church. H. W. Sigrist of the Building Committee reports, after it was stopped due to the severe winter weather.

WELCOME

We cordially welcome Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Shidler, Robert B. Cole, Miss Ruth Burris, Mrs. Lee N. Sapp, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill into the fellowship of this Church.

ATTENTION — CHURCH SCHOOL AND CHURCH ORGANIZATION LEADERS

January 27 has been set for the Annual Meeting of the First Christian Church. At this meeting all organizations of Church School and Church are requested to have reports of the work accomplished during 1951. Please have reports in writing and arrange to have some member of your organization present to read it when called on. The Church Clerk, Mrs. Vaught, should receive a copy of your report, for the Church files. Also reports looking through 1952 will be given. Cecil Rice, chairman 1951, and William Crouse, new chairman, will preside.



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MAKE IT A POINT EVERY WEEK UNTIL EASTER

The only voice clear enough to call the multitudes of this earth from the present danger is the voice of our Lord. The immense, involved problems of our days are so complex that unless men yield to the authority of the Lord and co-operate with restraint unselfishly, we can have no peace. How can we grasp and apply the laws of God? Only through Christ has man ever attained this knowledge and peace of soul.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25

Special Music

Our organ and choir music has had unusual merit these last Sundays.

Sermon: "Taking The Risk"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Community Training School announces it's program. Each department should assume the obligation of having someone in attendance. "Study to show Thyself approved unto God" should become a motive of every one, youth and age.

ANNUAL MEETING — 12 O'CLOCK NOON

Sunday, January 27

Carry-in dinner for membership — Bring covered dish and table service.

Reports of last year — Goals for 1952 — New Building — No member can afford to miss this meeting.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Our Church is host to young people of Associated Churches Sunday afternoon 2:30 o'clock. February 3rd. Plans to be completed this Sunday.

With Christ We Build Anew

At least 15,000 of the young people of our churches will have part in week-end Youth Meets in about 180 centers by the end of March. Charles C. Mills, national director of missionary activities of youth for the United Society, reports that last year those attending the Youth Meets represented 1600 of our churches.

This year for the first time a Meet was conducted for Minnesota, North and South Dakota. Held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on October 20 and 21, it had an attendance of 70. A chartered bus brought 41 from Minneapolis and other points along the way.

"Report From Mexico"

Under this title The United Christian Missionary Society presents a new 16 mm sound motion picture showing the overall work of Protestant Missions in Mexico. It was produced in cooperation with mission boards of the Methodist, Congregational Christian and American Baptist Churches.

Four major areas of mission work are shown, including the Union Theological Seminary in Mexico City in which our churches cooperate for the training of Christian workers.

Another of the areas of service shown is that of our new rural institute at Pabellon which provides education and training in agriculture for boys who will serve as pastors or laymen in rural churches. Three of our missionaries are shown in the picture of the work but are not identified by their own names in the dialogue. They will be recognized as Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kepple and Mr. Byron Spice.

"Report From Mexico" shows the successful and effective work now being done by Evangelical missions, and the opportunities for wider service still unmet in this neighboring country.

The purpose of these two-day meetings is to introduce the mission study of the year and the materials which have been prepared. They are a part of the total youth program for the brotherhood, planned and executed by the young people. Mission study is a major emphasis of their program.

With Christ We Build Anew is the theme chosen by the young people for this year. They have set a goal of \$52,000 for missionary giving, to support work in the United States and in Latin American mission fields.

New Missionary Commissioned



Miss Dimple Heather

Miss Dimple Heather was commissioned a missionary to Mexico by the United Society on November 20. Hers was the first appointment by Dr. A. Dale Fiers, new president of the Society.

Miss Heather, a former rural teacher and high school teacher in Kentucky, has just returned from fourteen months at the Aguascalientes station, Mexico. She had volunteered for a short term of work, but soon found her interest so great she asked for appointment to full time Christian service. During her furlough she will continue the study of Spanish, begun at Aguascalientes while working with boys and girls in the mission and teaching English.



I will feed my flock . . .

saith the Lord God. Ezekiel 34:15

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LONG LIFE AND THE WILL TO LIVE

All of us have observed those who have died and left the physical accumulation of a life-time to near and distant relatives. We have seen this scattered and often dissipated.

We have observed the wise die and use the same wisdom for the future as they used in their life to conserve intelligently their resources. Their money and property have been left to institutions such as the Church to continue to do good. Such money is not hoarded, but put into circulation creatively and the spirit of their lives is preserved.

The largest bequest ever left to First Christian came from CLARENCE A. LEHNEKE, a quiet, faithful member of this church. This did much to promote our new church building and his name shall live on in our congregation as an example and inspiration. His will be a long life. His great will — which left his estate to First Christian, was a will to live on for Christ in Fort Wayne.

The giving in our Church is truly an inspiration. A number are remembering First Christian in their wills and their lives will live on. Make your life a long, good life. Will to live on — when you make out your will, let your Church help your life to live on.

BUILDING FUND CONTINUES TO GROW

The church-wide dinner held last Sunday was a great success. It was attended by approximately 100 persons and resulted in raising \$44.49 for the Building Fund. The dinner was followed by music through the courtesy of Sigma Eta, Beta Chapter. We take our hats off to the Come-Double Class which sponsored the dinner as the fourth monthly event in the Boosters Club series.

The C.Y.F. and David Griggs also are commended for completion of the waste paper drive. Approximately \$25 was added to the building fund through the sale of paper provided by many of our members. Until further notice please do not bring paper to the church. The low price may make further collections inadvisable.

BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 21

The Boosters Club will sponsor a church festival Thursday night, February 21, to benefit the building fund. There will be entertainment, eats and fun galore with nearly all church organizations taking part. Tickets go on sale next week, Harry Griggs is ticket chairman. Mrs. Gail Roe and James Shockney are in charge of booths and decorations. Henry Flowers and John Craig are co-chairman of the festival.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Howell, R. R. 7, Paulding Road, is ill with scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien are both confined to their home by illness. 2918 Bowser Avenue.

Mrs. F. H. Rogers is ill at her home 3021 Weisser Park Ave.

Mrs. Mallie Reidt is confined to her home at 914 Monroe St.



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MAKE IT A POINT

EVERY WEEK UNTIL EASTER

"It is a staggering and humbling thought to know that I am really the Church, I and each one of the members with the presence and help of our Master are the Church." Said a thoughtful member. He is right if he and individuals of past centuries, of today, had not that sense of responsibility the Church could not be a bulwark against evil and the defender of those decencies that make life possible.

Make It A Point to search your soul lest this church of ours, which we love, be deprived of the needed strength because you are selfish, and your own soul miss the joy that comes to those who link their lives with Christ.

Come to Church Sunday spend 90 minutes of the 10,080 minutes in every week in worship.

Begin each day with prayer. Spend 5 to 10 minutes reading the scripture. Pray each evening before you retire. Spend 90 more minutes of the 10,080 minutes. Make your religion work. The world needs this. **You need this.** Repeat every week until Easter. You will be a stronger and happier person.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25

Special Music by Choir

Sermon: "Being Prepared for The Big Job"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Scripture Reading Acts 16th chapter

Great crowd last week.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Register members for workshop in Religious Education Community School.

UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

MASS MEETING 2:30 P.M.

First Christian Youth Hosts. Worship Service will be given by Youth of this church.

SUNDAY IS MAGIC BANK SUNDAY — BRING YOUR BANK

Problems In Congo

"The African with his many personal problems continues to look to the missionary to show him the abundant life," writes Mrs. A. Louis Harris, missionary to Bolenge, Belgian Congo. Mrs. Harris and her husband do evangelistic work for Disciples of Christ.

The Mission is penetrating into many remote areas, and the gospel means change in the way of life. Commercial companies are employing thousands of men. Wages are from 10 to 300 per cent higher than five years ago. The state has built a network of roads throughout the area.

Men are not content to live as did their fathers, and question ancient beliefs and practices. They are beginning to become aware of the need for education. This means, among other things, that our printing press at Bolenge turns out millions of pages each year yet never catches up with the de-

mand for the printed word.

The work of evangelism is carried on in a thousand villages outside our stations. Formerly the little chapels were built to last from three to seven years.

Now they should stand twenty years.



Mrs. Harris describes the building: "The Christians make the sun-dried brick and the thatch for the roof, bring in the poles from the forest, have the rocks there for the foundation, and help with the construction. The Mission furnishes the skilled labor for making the doors and window frames and laying the brick."

Truly, the need for more missionaries in Congo is imperative to show the way to the abundant life.

A Challenge To Youth

The Call for United Christian Youth Action is a project of the United Christian Youth Movement. It is a serious attempt to enlist one million youth from the churches of our land in the work of the church.

For a year plans have been under way. During Youth Week, 1952, the answer will be made. The covenant they will sign calls for the giving of their time, talent and resources:

"Believing that God's power is my strength, because of my faith in Jesus Christ, I join with other youth in a united effort to demonstrate the significance and the power of the Christian fellowship . . . to serve God in every moment of our lives, to treat

all men as brothers, to work toward the day . . . when peace shall abide instead of war . . ."

The program to follow *The Call* is concerned with three major areas: *Youth Evangelism* — to challenge young people to win their friends for Christ and the church.

Work Projects — to enlist the energy of youth in an effort to improve life.

World Christian Citizenship — to free themselves from prejudices that separate them from others of various racial, national and cultural backgrounds.

Disciples of Christ are cooperating wholeheartedly in *The Call* through the International Christian Youth Fellowship and local groups.

Hear and Answer
The CALL!



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ANNUAL MEETING

Tables were filled last Sunday to listen to reports and hear goals for 1952. Parts made by John Merrill were put together as plans were given and when completed there was a likeness of our new church. Cecil Rice, chairman for 1951 officially turned over the gavel to William Crouse, Chairman of the Board for 1952.

Progress was marked by all departments. Christian Women's Fellowship, Church School, Men's Forum, Co-chairman Couple, Women's Commission on Hospitality. Especially interesting was the report given by Herman W. Sigrist for the Building Committee. The year closed with all bills paid and a high record for giving. During our Pastor's ministry here, around 700 new members have been received.

JANUARY IS CAMPSITE MONTH FOR THE WOMEN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN. Please get your gifts in to Mrs. Charles Dare, President of Christian Women's Fellowship, or to Mrs. Owen Vaught, Chairman, Dept. of Service, by February 3rd. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Rev. Paul C. Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Fusselman on Wednesday, February 6th, at 1:30 P.M.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet at the Church, Wednesday afternoon, February 6th at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Charles Dare is in charge of devotions. The group will assemble magic banks.

ATTENTION!! MEN

Last Sunday morning some one at services mistakingly picked up the wrong coat. Mr. H. H. Stevenson lost his coat which was the zip-in lining type of coat, altho the lining had been removed. In the pocket of his coat were Air Force gloves.

The coat left in its place was identical in color and style, but was not the zip-in lining type. In the pocket of this coat were pig skin gloves.

Gentlemen, please examine your coats and should you discover this error, please contact Mr. Stevenson, 427 W. Branning or phone him H-0678, or, call the Church office.

LaKODA CLASS

All young unmarried people (beyond High School age) are cordially invited to attend the LaKoda Class next Sunday. Mrs. R. M. Scott is the temporary teacher. We shall try to make each meeting helpful and inspiring. Come and joint us.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY Y

February 3—Owen O. Vaught,	Dr. A. C. Worley
10—Robert E. Clipp,	John Z. Belien
17—Alan C. Bell,	Cecil Rice
24—Joseph M. Fitch,	Glenn R. Miller

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

JJohn S. Craig, Captain, K-1229; Jerry L. Brubaker, Harold W. Crowder, J. E. Weicker, David A. Griggs, Romane H. Cole, Wm. E. Munro, Wm. C. Robinson.

AMONG OUR SICK

Little Karen Ashe is seriously ill with rheumatic fever.

Mrs. Cora Reynolds, 1123 W. Wayne St. is ill at her home.

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MAKE IT A POINT EVERY WEEK UNTIL EASTER

What a heritage is the Church. Doubly precious in a world of terror and confusion. These times are hard for grown men and women. How much harder they can be for children. Yet they are eager to believe in Eternal Truth.

It is our sacred charge to keep alive this Faith. We must nourish in young hearts and minds the passionate conviction of our ancestors. Faith made the founders of our Country strong and, our country in that trust in God, grew mighty. So our own sons and daughters, in their youth, will grow in moral stature and spiritual strength through the exercise of their faith in God.

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Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.
"Turning Reserves Into Victories"

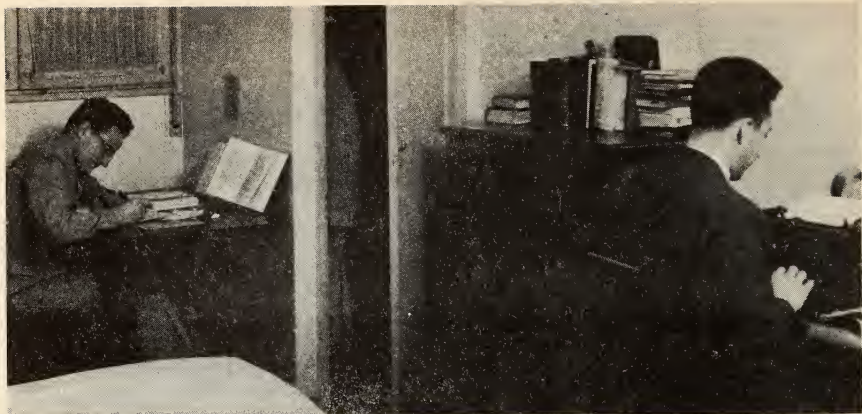
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Speaker: Our Pastor

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BRING IN YOUR MAGIC BANK THIS 2nd SUNDAY



Youth Are Trained

Young people of the Christian Churches in Argentina are giving their lives in full time Christian service as they are challenged in youth meetings, summer conferences, and in conference with missionaries and church leaders. This is a vital part of the development of the Mission in Argentina.

Training for service is given in Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, in which Disciples cooperate with Methodists, Presbyterians and Waldensians. Our Mission provides one or more staff members each year.

The school has an enrollment of 63 this year — the largest in its history — with 47 young men and women living in the dormitories. Another 16 live at home in or near the city. As a regular part of the curriculum of the Seminary, six students are spending one year at work in the churches.

Since Union Seminary receives students from every Spanish-speaking country of South America, its graduates are to be found wherever the churches are serving in city and rural places.

Disciples have five students in the school this year, two of them from our church in Asuncion, Paraguay. One of our students is among the six doing practical work this year. Sr. Angel Peiro is in charge of the construction

of our new church in Resistencia, in the northern part of Argentina.

Union Seminary has contributed to the training of all our pastors in this field.

THE COVER. Sr. Eulalio Burgos, copastor with Miss Jorgelina Lozada of the Villa Mitre Christian Church in Buenos Aires. Sr. Burgos has served in our churches for several years. Photo by Porgueras from Black Star.

Commitment Of Life

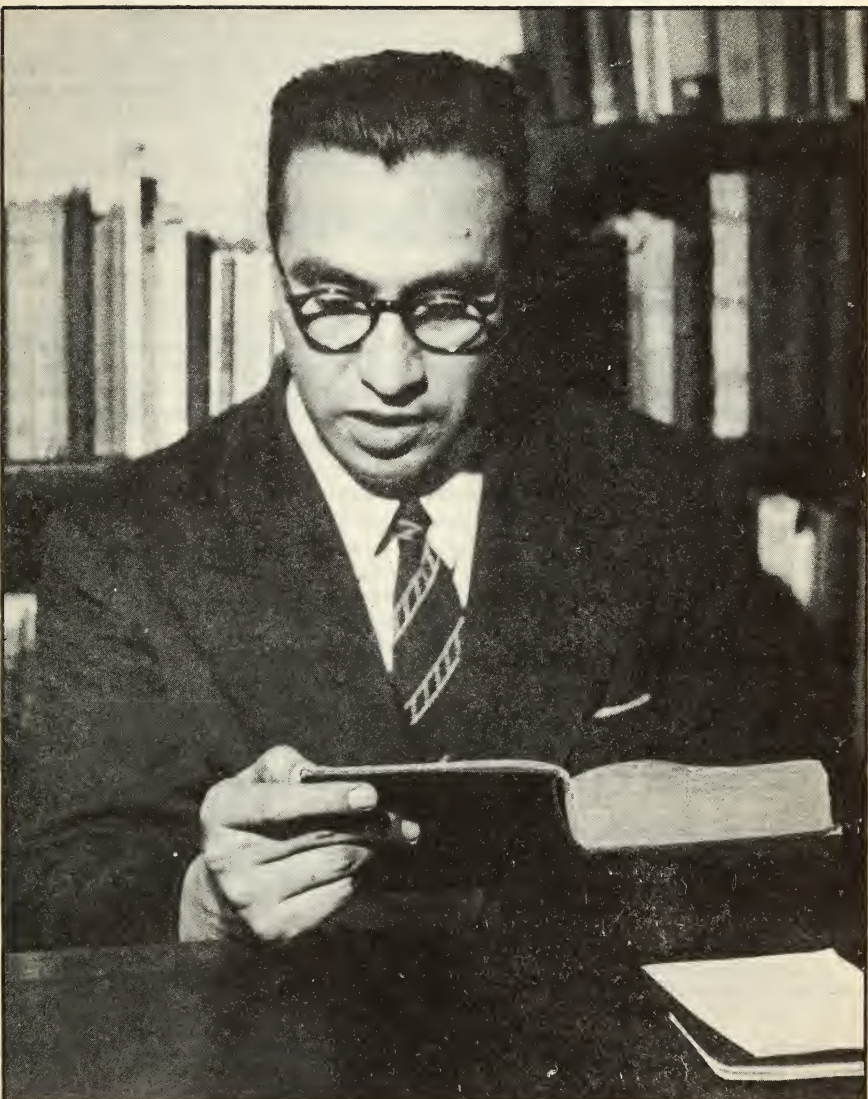
An affirmative answer to *The Call for United Christian Youth Action* demands the commitment of life to the work of the Church. Both young people and their adult leaders might well pray every day:

"O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace, we give thee hearty thanks for the Church . . .

"Help us, we beseech thee, to see more clearly what is thy purpose for the Church in our generation . . .

"Give us, who are her children and her ambassadors, a larger measure of devotion and daring, so that she may have new might for the task thou givest her today.

"So may thy kingdom come, in plentitude and power, and all the peoples of the world be blest, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."



***Study To Show Thyself
Approved Unto God . . .***

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MEN'S FORUM — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — 5 to 7 P.M.

Good supper promised.

James Shockney will give a **color chalk talk**. Subject, "How It Affects You" Brother Shockney, an artist with chalk and a good speaker, will entertain our men. Business meeting — Group singing — Good Fellowship — Good Eats.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 Columbia St., on ednesday afternoon, February 13. 1:45 P.M.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Albert Egly, 1927 N. Wells St., on Monday evening, February 11, for a covered-dish supper at 6:30 P.M. The program will be on our wor in South America.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Howard Wise, 2030 Nelson St., on Monday evening, February 11 at 7:30 P.M.

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Miss M. E. Shockney, 4840 So. Hanna St., on Tuesday evening, February 12 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. James Shockney will be co-hostess. The leader will have the program and Mrs. John Craig will give devotions. An item interesting to all the Circles is that **The Rebecca Circle** will soon be known as the **Montgomery Circle**, awaiting word from Mrs. Montgomery.

C.W.F. SUPPER TICKETS

Attention Group Leaders: There are still unused supper tickets out in the groups, please check with your group and get any tickets on hand to Mrs. Flowers.

THE CAMP SITE FUND PROJECT is held up for a short time to give those still wishing to make a contribution, time to mail it in or see Mrs. Dare or Mrs. Vaught. One dollar per woman is the aim.

BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL — THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Plans for the Church Festival Thursday evening, February 21, are well along, and it has every promise of being a big success. All proceeds, above absolutely necessary expenses, are to go into the building fund immediately. The features are: Church Band, O. E. Ogden, director; Comedy and travel movies, Sunday School; Puppet show or magician, Men's Forum; Fortune Telling, Ladies' Class; Bazaar Booth, Friendly Class; Food refreshments, Progressive Class; Cake Walk, Come-Double Class; Fishing Pond, Men's Class; Homelmade Candy, C.W.F.; Pop-corn, ice cream bars, soft drinks, C.Y.F. Attendance prizes for men, women and children.

Tickets are on sale in packs of 11 - 10 cent tickets for \$1.00, if bought not later than February 17. They're a dime straight in less than the \$1.00 pack, or after February 17. The boys and girls receive a bonus ticket for each dollar turned in. Where only a nickel is asked during the festival, a 10 cent ticket will be torn in two. Tickets will be available next Sunday in each Class and in the Church. Harry Griggs is ticket chairman.

Donations are wanted for the bazaar booth, fishing pond, candy booth, cake walk and prepared food sales.

MRS. R. E. CLIPP CRADLE ROLL SUPERINTENDENT

Notice of birth of babes, sent to Church Office, will receive careful attention by our new superintendent.

THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. John Berlien is a patient in Methodist Hospital, room 614

Mrs. Nancy Frame is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Willis VanAlstine, Upper Huntington Road.

Mrs. Gerald Renner, former Miss Wilma Yost, is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

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These are days of confusion to many. But two thousand Christian Youth from the College campuses of our country met the last of December and probed the reasons for today's fatalism. Some of the challenging phrases from that conference are: "Trust God, Greet Tomorrow with a cheer."

Those who take Jesus Christ seriously and believe the deepest forces in history are controlled by God, trust God and do the right thing, the thing nearest to them and greet tomorrow with a cheer.

"What of the future?" God is there! We must as Christians think of our beloved America as in Lincoln's great phrase, "This Nation under God."

It is up to each church member to see that the high standards of Christ, when the nation is shocked by the rising tide of scandal in government, shall be preserved individually, and by the church as a whole.

Support your Church and keep alive the hope of our country.

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SERMON — "Our Opportunity" Preacher: Our Pastor

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Keep Our Attendance Up!

"Jesus Calls Us"

There is no substitute for evangelistic zeal—the passion to win others to belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The onward march of Christianity has been achieved through evangelism.

A tiny group of five hundred persons, who were scattered to the four corners of the earth through persecution, has grown to the present world community of seven million people.

The churches of Disciples of Christ are strengthened in the annual pre-Easter evangelistic program. Many a weak and struggling congregation is encouraged and awakened in the joint effort of the brotherhood.

This is the most fruitful season for recommitment of those already in His service. The deepened Christian spirit of the world (for Christianity has penetrated almost every land) leads heart and mind to reconsecration.

The call is to individuals — for the commitment of life to the service of the Master; to so live and work that others may be won.

All Peoples

All Peoples Christian Church and Community House, Los Angeles, demonstrates in the various phases of its program that brotherhood is the realistic way of life. This is one of six institutions conducted by the home missions division of the United Society.

In the worship of the church, in discussion groups, in clubs and the social hall, on the playground and in the library, in the child-care center and in summer camps, All Peoples seeks to practice the teaching that "the Lord hath made of one blood all mankind."

All are Americans. They represent every shade of complexion and ethnic background found in our land.

Every member of the family has a place in the activities at All Peoples. Young people give vigorous leadership to the program. Children crowd the playground and the classes of the well organized church school.

The cover shows a class in vacation church school which occupies three and a half weeks each summer. Crafts, recreation and field trips vary study sessions and worship periods.

Outside All Peoples Christian Church on Sunday morning.





*"My House Shall Be Called a House
of Prayer for All Peoples"*

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WEEK OF COMPASSION — FEBRUARY 17-24

Our Church is completely co-operative and has always shared in our great brotherhood causes. Our people in First Christian will again respond to the urgent call for help.

BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL NEXT THURSDAY, 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Be sure to get your tickets Sunday at the cut-rate price so you won't miss the fun, music, show of magic by Marvin Crouse, movies, food, refreshments, popcorn, bazaar, candy, cake contest, fishing pond and fortune telling.

The Progressive Class will serve chili soup, hot dogs, pie, coffee potato salad, baked beans and ice cream starting at 5 p.m. and as long as it lasts. You can eat your supper before the festival proper gets underway at 6:30 p.m. Invite your friends and have a wonderful time all evening!

And bring in your goods donations for this festival Sunday if they are not perishable, and that evening if it is food or other perishable goods. Bring sewing or other small articles of handiwork, baked goods, plants, whatnots, etc. for the bazaar booth; small articles for men, women, boys and girls for the fishing pond; home-made candy in 5 to 10-cent packages for the candy booth, and cakes, cup cakes, cookies and doughnuts for the cake contest. Someone will be there Sunday to receive this.

AND REMEMBER while you have fun you're benefitting our BUILDING FUND!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL COLONIAL TEA PARTY — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2:00 P. M.

We hope to have many guests at this party. A fine program has been arranged by the Dr. Royal Dye Circle. Mrs. H. G. Helmuth will be the guest speaker. Special music is being arranged. The Huber Circle is in charge of refreshments and the Circle leaders will be hostesses.

THOSE HAVING COLONIAL COSTUMES, PLEASE WEAR THEM!

All women of the Church and their friends are cordially invited to attend. Plan to come and bring guests with you.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. E. L. Jordan and her family in the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Oliver.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

THEME: "Christ, Our Hope."

TIME: February 29, Friday, 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: The Trinity English Lutheran Church.



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Day by day events in our nation indicate the great need for our citizens to recognize that our liberties are no more secure than the religious moral life of our country.

We must develop a passionate conviction. We must believe in the motto of our Country, "In God We Trust."

Lent is a time for us to check our ways, see the necessity of making Sunday Christian. Our time calls for the active witnessing of all Christians. America needs this to maintain our freedom. Make it your resolve to attend Church and to influence another to go with you.

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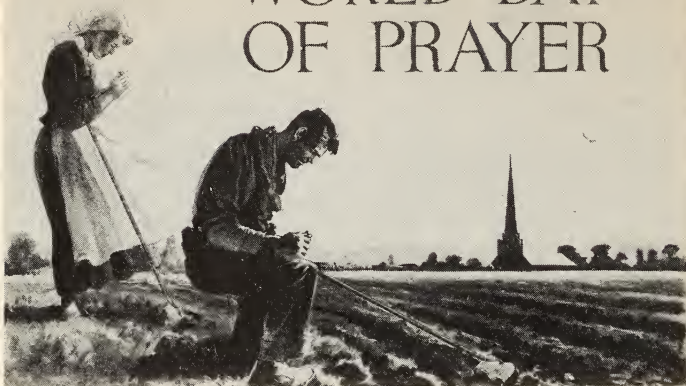
C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

A salute to our Youth Department of the Official Board. A fine program last Sunday. Let all our youth be present next Sunday.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 N. Wells St., on Friday evening, March 7, at 8 o'clock. The Class will hold a Silent Auction.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



BEGINNING in the islands of the Pacific, near the international date line, Christian women of the world will unite in prayer during the twenty-four hours of February 29. This annual World Day of Prayer breaks down barriers of race and color and language. It is the occasion for bringing gifts for cooperative mission projects in the United States and around the world.



All She Needs

An old grandmother walks to the Takhatpur Church from her home three miles away. She is stooped and walks with a cane, but always has a smile. The secret of that smile is in this story which she tells:

"Many years ago, on the day that I was baptized, I saw a vision. Someone appeared to me in bright and shining apparel and his face shone with a great light. At first I was afraid, but a voice said, 'Don't be afraid. You shall never be in need but shall always have enough.'"

"That was Jesus who spoke to me and it has been true. I have always had all I needed."

I thought of the little mud house in which she lives, and of the very few things in that house.

Perhaps some of us have more than we need.

(This story comes from Miss Ethel Shreve, our missionary in India.)

"If You Care . . ."

The Week of Compassion calls each Christian to consciousness of world needs.

One individual cannot provide for the thousands of refugees in the world. He cannot rebuild all churches ravaged by war. He cannot meet the spiritual needs of all people. But each individual has responsibility for his share in world service.

A large percentage of offerings in the Week of Compassion are for a material and spiritual ministry to the millions of unhappy refugees of the world.

As with many other Protestant bodies, such offerings will be administered through the National Council of Churches and the World Council. These ecumenical organizations are channels for relief and rehabilitation.

THE COVER. A Korean mother and child in what is left of what was once their home. Picture from the National Council of Churches.



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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 2—Henry M. Flowers,	Hugh D. Rice ..
March 9—Wm. H. Crouse,	Chas. Fuchshuber
March 16—Dr. A. C. Worley,	Robert E. Clipp
March 23—John Z. Berlien,	Owen O. Vaught
March 30—Glenn R. Miller,	Henry M. Flowers

DEACONS FOR MARCH

R. K. Schrecongost, Captain, H-0493; Marvin L. Crouse, Donald E. Coffman, Dale C. Hiler, Eppie R. Baker, Jesse W. Haffner, Cecil A. Kinzie, Earl T. Fusselman.

REPORT ON THE CHURCH FESTIVAL

A profit of \$210.66 from the Church Festival February 21, has gone into the building fund. Gross receipts totaled \$288.22 and expenses including food, candy, soft drinks, decorations, fishing pond supplies and miscellaneous were \$77.56.

Each of the participating organizations did its share in making the Festival a success. Mrs. Gail Roe and her committee deserve much credit for the decorations. Attendance prizes were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Follis and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe. The Boosters Club wishes to thank the many persons who gave their time, donations and patronage. Special thanks are due Marvin Crouse, our magician; Mrs. R. W. Metzner, fortune teller; and O. E. Ogden, band director. and to F. W. Edgerton for color films. The children sold \$80.80 worth of tickets.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Royal J. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 4534 Wilmette on Wednesday, March 5, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. C. F. Durfee will present the program. Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Leader. The Rev. Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. A. C. Worley, 2551 Terrace Rd. on Wednesday, March 5, at 1:50 P.M. Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Leader.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Crouse are the parents of a son, Donald, born February 19. Judith Dianne, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brickley, on Feb. 23. Steven, born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Hall, Feb. 22.

We congratulate these parents, and welcome the babies.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. W. H. Imbody is a surgical patient in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Fred Wilson, 1332 W. Washington is still quite ill at her home.

ARE YOU ABLE?

Can you afford to belong to the church? Has it occurred to you to ask that question? Every year I must ask myself the same question in relation to many things. Can I afford to buy the books I want? Can I afford to belong to the organizations that I feel are required? Can I afford to take the trip that I need to take?

When facing these questions I always find myself required to weigh and measure values. A new set of questions arise to balance the foregoing: Can I afford not to buy the books? Can I afford not to belong to those organizations? Can I afford not to take that trip? All of life is relative. A decision to refuse to buy a book or take a trip or belong to an organization is just as significant as to decide the other way. We do not avoid responsibility by deciding in the negative.

We have a way, however, of deceiving ourselves in these matters. We get our names on church rolls but do not take responsibility for the vitality of the church's ministry. We buy a book but we do not read it. We allow ourselves to become non-active members of the organization. We postpone the trip. In such a way we refuse to vote against our better judgment. (our consciences probably would not tolerate such honesty) But we are just as responsible for the results of our negative participation as we would be if we had honestly refused to act responsibly.

—Clipped

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 2, IS HOME BANK DAY, BE SURE TO BRING IN YOUR
BANK AND PICK UP ANOTHER



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If Western civilization is to save its body it must save its soul. With enthusiasm it must awake the confidence and the unwavering faith of real men to whom liberty and justice and righteousness have meaning. In the Church has been cradeled the dream of free men whose integrity and courage had their origin in the noble precepts and teaching of the Holy Bible. Your support of the Church is making strong the one institution that can preserve Christian Civilization.

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C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Louis Brewster will lead the Devotions. Dale Hiler and James Evans will give the Sportsman's and the Scientist's view of Latin America. This begins a new series of discussions. Social period. A cordial invitation to all Youth.

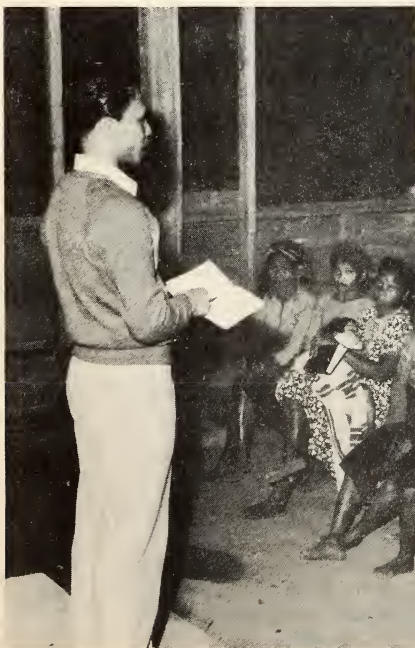
Plans for the Booster Night, March 21st, will be given.

Evangelism In The Philippines

Evangelism in the Philippines does not wait on buildings. By the time timbers are cut for a chapel, and the roof is on, the building is in use.

In the high mountain country of the northern part of Luzon Island our missionaries have found a fruitful field for evangelism. Almost inaccessible from the lowland regions, where our older churches are, a strong program of preaching and education has been developed since 1948. The chapel at Kabugao was not finished when the picture below was taken, yet this congregation was already reaching out to nearby villages with the gospel. Oseas Martin is the pastor.

By 1950, twenty-eight young men and women from the mountain provinces of Abra and Apayao were studying to be lay preachers and Bible women. The enthusiasm and the keen interest of the young people is the strength of the church.



Congo Is Changing

"Congo is changing in many ways," writes Miss Hattie Mitchell who has served as missionary in Congo for Disciples of Christ since 1922, and for the last several years at Mondombe.

"Increased church work, more and better schools, more doctors and better roads are making a difference. . . .

"Our church work this year has been more encouraging than last year. The offerings have increased and hundreds have been baptized. We are fortunate in our pastor, Ntange Timothy, who carries a heavy load and is respected by all.

"This past year we have increased the number of regional schools in our field and hope that most of them will have a good report so they can be included for government subsidy. . . .

"There is much that needs to be done to help these people adjust to the many changes coming to their country. It presents a real challenge to Christian workers."



THE COVER. Miss Hallie Strange, missionary, with two of her girls at *Casa Hogar*, Pabellon, Mexico.

Photos from Black Star



Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them,



Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

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Jerry Brubaker, president, announced that Charles Fuchshuber is furnishing the program which will be sound movies from the State Conservation Department. Steak supper will be served by the dinner Committee: Henry Flowers, chairman, Eural Rose, Stanley Cole and Gene Munro.

Rolland Ripple and Alan Bell will have charge of musical features.

THE PASTOR'S CLASS

Beginning Saturday, March 15th

Beginning March 15, for four Saturdays our Minister will meet with Junior and Intermediate Youth in his Pastor's Class, on the meaning of Church membership. All children of these ages who have not been in this Class are invited. Will the parents please call the Pastor, or the Church office to register their children.

NOTES

Our pastor spoke at the Trinity English Lutheran Church; Lead a training Class at the Northeastern Ohio United Christian Youth Movement Conference last Friday. Will speak at the Lenten Noon Day Services on Thursday and Friday, this week, at First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Beck is a member of the Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and is serving Wednesday evening.

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The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Alma Beck, 533 E. Wayne St., Monday night, March 10 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Whitton is leader.

The Allen Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. E. L. Harris, 936½ Lake Ave. on Thursday, March 13, at 2 P.M. Mrs. Myona Binkley will present the program and Mrs. Maude Thurman will give devotions. Mrs. Wilson is leader.

The Executive Committee of the Christian Women's Fellowship will meet with Miss Margaret Shockey, 4840 So. Hanna St., March 12 at 7:30 P.M. This committee is composed of the Executive officers, Circle chairmen and Circle officers, and heads of Departments.

The Regular March meeting of the C.W.F. WILL BE AN AFTERNOON MEETING. This is a change in time. The meeting will be at 2 P.M. March 18. Mrs. A. C. Worley will give a book review.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. George Bruckman in the recent loss of his mother. Mrs. Bruckman was a member of Irvington Christian Church, Indianapolis.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Charles McKinney in the death of her husband. Mr. McKinney passed away last Friday while visiting in Florida.

"DON'T LIKE IT"

"Have a drink?"

"No, thanks; I don't like it."

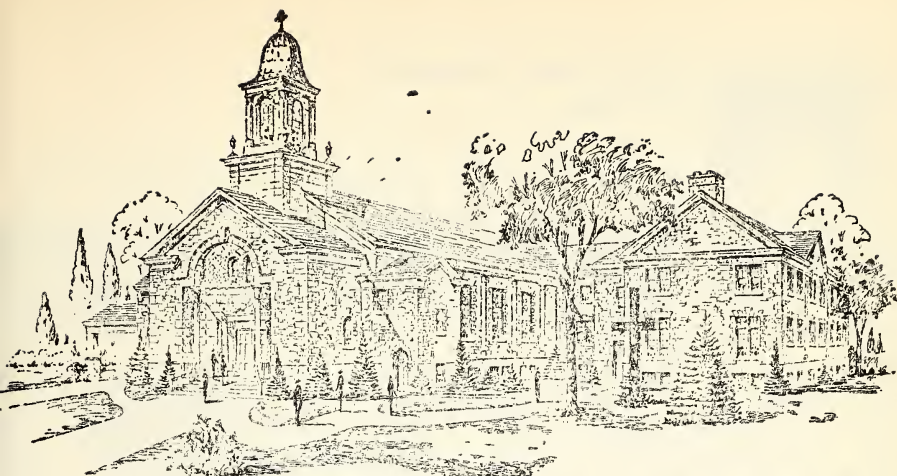
"Whadda y'mean, you don't like it?"

"Well, in twenty years of liking it, I lost fifteen jobs, a good wife, got robbed twice, got in jail five times, spent \$250 for a 'cure', lost hundreds and hundreds of dollars for time out from work with hangovers, and a judge let me know that the next drunk will get me six months straight time—no buying out. I just don't like it any more. See?"

"Yeah. Give the guy a coke."

—St. Petersburg Chronicle

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MAKE IT A POINT

EVERY WEEK UNTIL EASTER

The greatest thing in the world is not **atomic energy**, not **social achievement**, not **material prosperity**, not **military strength**. The greatest thing in the world is to **know Christ**, to **know His will** for our lives.

You can make this practical for your friends. As we look toward a triumphant Easter for our Church. 1. Attend divine services; 2. Select those who are prospects for Church membership. Turn their names over to the Minister or Alan Bell, Evangelism Chairman. 3. Bring these prospects to Church with you. 4. Tell at least one friend or family about our great Church, and give them a cordial invitation. 5. Keep the Church program in your mind and pray for the success of our pre-Easter Evangelism program and for the Youth in our pastor's Class.

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Read Acts 17th Chapter

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Miss Hertercene
Turner

Missionary Nurse To Mexico

Miss Hertercene Turner went to Mexico City early in February, where she will take a course in mid-wifery at the University of Mexico before joining the staff of Hope Hospital, Aguascalientes.

This hospital is a part of the Christian service of Mexico Mission of Disciples of Christ, and has been called the "hope of sick people in our Mexican mission field."

Miss Turner is a graduate of Southern Christian Institute, Homer Phillips Hospital, and has studied at Drake University. She spent the past year in language study in Costa Rica.



Seeing Is Believing

Business women of our churches in America are well along on a program of seeing for themselves the work done by their missionaries.

For the third summer, a group will trek this year to Mexico, leaving St. Louis on August 2. A stop will be made at Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, and then the group will go on to visit mission stations at San Luis Potosi, Aguascalientes, Pabellon, and the Jerez Valley.

In Mexico City they will see the co-operative work of the Union Seminary and the evangelistic work. Here they will also see many places of interest to tourists.

Another tour will leave Indianapolis by bus on July 6 to visit mission points in the United States. The itinerary includes home missions schools at Hazel Green, Kentucky, and Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., and French-Acadian churches in Louisiana. Stops will also be made at Cane Ridge Meeting House, Berea College, Smoky Mountains, etc., with sight seeing in New Orleans.

Those who take these tours are enthusiastic about the plan for getting acquainted with mission work.

A Great Leader

Miss Jorgelina Lozada, first woman pastor in Argentina, serves the Villa Mitre Christian Church in Buenos Aires. This is one of four churches of the Argentine Mission conducted in that city by the United Society. (See cover).

From the original group of eight, she has brought the membership to 100, and inspired the erection of an attractive new church. Her own apartment is above the sanctuary, so that she can answer calls day or night.

Miss Lozada has always been active in the community and in interdenominational affairs. Weekly prayer meetings are held in two underprivileged sections of the city. She has represented the Confederation of Evangelical Churches and the women of Latin America in meetings in Madras, India; Havana, Cuba; Bossey, Switzerland; and in the United States.

Alert and sensitive to the evils of her day, a courageous speaker, she has come to be a leader in social service plans for her country.



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THE PASTOR'S CLASS

Beginning Saturday, March 15, — 11: A.M.

Beginning March 15, for four Saturdays our Minister will meet with Junior and Intermediate Youth in his Pastor's Class, on the meaning of Church membership. All children of these ages who have not been in this Class are invited. Will the parents please send children to class this Saturday.

C.Y.F. ANNUAL TALENT NIGHT, MARCH 21

Plan now to attend the church's annual Talent Night, Friday, March 21, at 7:30 P.M. at the church under the sponsorship of the Christian Youth Fellowship. The many persons who have attended this affair in past years know it will be well worth while. Tickets now are on sale.

A talent display will be held as part of Talent Night, and its success depends on each of you. Bring in your family's results of talent Sunday, March 16, or early the evening of March 21. This may include drawings, paintings, sewing, knitting, poetry, carvings, carpentry, metal work, inventions and even stamp and coin collections. Proceeds from Talent Night will go into the building fund in cooperation with the Boosters Club program.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Fred Wilson is a surgical patient in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Robert Kernen is ill at his home, 4716 Beaver Ave. Mrs. Verl Pribble is quite ill at her home, 612 Lavina St. Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber is ill at her home, 508 Lavina St. Karen Ashe is improving. Karen is ill with rheumatic fever.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Herschel Case in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Martha Byers. Mrs. Byers was a member of First Christian.

We also wish to extend sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Aden Current in the loss of their little son, Joseph Marshall, last Saturday. The babe was born on Friday, March 7.

CONGRATULATIONS

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl Tuesday, March 12th. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

NOTES

The Minister often receives Orders of Worship of Churches where members attend when out of the city. This is a thoughtful and an appreciated courtesy.

An Order of Worship was received from Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist in New Orleans, La.

C.W.F. RUMMAGE SALE, MARCH 24, 25!!!

Alcohol's Fatal Delusion

It is an established law that because of its chemical action on the body and brain, beverage alcohol reduces an individual's efficiency. The man who claims he can do better work after a couple of drinks is laboring under a definite delusion. By means of reliable, scientific tests, the time required for a man to remove his foot from the accelerator of an automobile and apply it to the brake when the traffic light changes from green to red, has been measured. On the average it takes two-tenths of a second when he is sober, three-tenths of a second when he has imbibed two cocktails. Tests conducted with special apparatus designed for the purpose, indicate that after a couple of drinks, an experienced driver whose car is moving at 30 miles per hour travels from four to eight feet further, before he can start to apply brake pressure, than he does when he hasn't been drinking. Acuteness of vision, hand-eye co-ordination, and judgment of distance and speed are impaired to a considerable extent by even a moderate indulgence in alcoholic beverages.

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MAKE IT A POINT

EVERY WEEK UNTIL EASTER

Looking over the world today, seeing the turmoil that exists, and the gigantic problems that must be solved, we are apt to say, "I am only one." "What can I do?" or, "What is the use of trying?" There are strong and capable men, in Church and State. Like Isaiah they say, "Here am I, Send me."

We need to accept responsibility. We can fall into a habit of self-pity for our helplessness as we feel nothing can be done. We must learn that faith in God is no license for hiding from our responsibilities.

Wherever did we get the idea that soft-living and the absence of difficulty make people good or happy. Character and happiness are for those who face and shoulder bravely their responsibilities.

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Volunteers Share The Work

More than 2,000 pastors and lay members of our churches across the United States and Canada share with the staff of the United Society in planning and carrying out brotherhood programs in missions and Christian education.

Volunteers work on these boards or committees: United Society Board of Managers — 120 members; Christian Women's Fellowship state boards — 738 women; Home and State Missions Planning Council — 50 members; National Laymen's Advisory Commission — 40 laymen; Curriculum Committee — 30 members-at-large; state committees on work with children, youth, adults and educational administration — 478 members; area religious education commissions and All Canada Committee — 400 members; International CYF Commission, 133 participants; DSF Ecclesia — 175 students.

Home Missions In Action

During last year the department of church development and evangelism of the United Society—

Aided 68 congregations in the United States and Canada in the support of ministers.

Assisted 12 state secretaries.

Gave special help to town and country churches, and to those in urban areas.

Sponsored work among the French-Acadians in Louisiana, the Mexicans in Texas, and the Japanese in Los Angeles and at Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Maintained a chaplain at Rochester, Minnesota, in cooperation with the Minnesota and Iowa missionary societies.

Provided programs for evangelism for the churches.

Supported one full time evangelist in the northeastern part of the United States.



THE COVER — Filipino Christian Church, Los Angeles. The United Society assisted in the purchase of this new property through a small financial grant.

Town and Country Committee of the Home and State Missions Planning Council.





***Thy love and glory shall not fade
When all earth's temples low are laid.***

—Edward A. Church

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This Saturday will be the last morning you can register. There is a nice group. **Parents! if your child** is of Junior or Intermediate age register him for the Class.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing Program will be broadcast over WANE on Friday, March 21, at 9:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. featuring Raymond Massey and Eugene C. Blake, National Secretary of Presbyterian Church of U.S.A.

On March 22, at 4:45 P.M. over WOWO, The World Round Up Program will be broadcast featuring Samuel McRae Covert, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ in America. This program will be re-broadcast on Sunday morning, March 23 at 7:15 A.M.

DON'T FORGET THE BOOSTERS CLUB STORE

The Boosters club store in the church basement has provided approximately \$112.00 for the building fund since it was started last September 9. Not one cent of this money received at the store has been used for expenses. Many of our members and friends have donated material for the store and have patronized it. However, the store now needs your contributions of magazines, books, phonograph records and small articles. Unless this supply of material for sale is kept coming the store cannot continue to be successful. Our magazine supply has been depleted for several weeks. Please bring your current magazines before they are more than a month old. Some magazines like National Geographic, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, Holiday, comic books and most children's magazines are good almost indefinitely. We also need children's books.

ATTEND TALENT NIGHT — FRIDAY, MARCH 21 — 7:30 P.M.

BAKE SALE at WOLF AND DESSAUER'S

The Dr. Royal C. Dye Circle is having a bake sale at Wolf & Dessauer's store on Friday, March 28. Our church women please patronize this sale.

C.W.F. RUMMAGE SALE — 1512 Calhoun St.

The Christian Women's Fellowship is having a Rummage Sale on Monday and Tuesday, March 24 and 25. **The Sale will begin at noon.** This is to give Circles and members an opportunity to get their rummage to the building on Monday morning. Those wishing to bring rummage to the Church, please do so **before Monday.**

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl in the birth of a new little son, Donald Glenn, on Wednesday, March 12. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Charles R. Cook is suffering from a fractured toe which kept him from work.

Miss Donna Leversee, injured in an auto accident, is up and about and doing nicely.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressice Class will have a Pot Luck dinner and party on Friday evening, March 28, at 6:30 P.M. at the Church. Come, bring the kiddies and join us in an evening of fellowship.

LASTING INVESTMENT

Have you ever heard of John Livingstone? He was the brother of David Livingstone, the famous missionary-explorer. When he died over fifty years ago, he was the richest man in Pertn County, Ontario, Canada, with an estate valued at \$500,000 plus insurance of 500,000. His brother, David Livingstone, was famous and was loved and honored by many people, yet he died penniless in the heart of Africa. The poor missionary was well-known—the man of wealth was unknown. What made the difference? Which was more successful? —Millersburg Bulletin



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**MAKE IT A POINT
EVERY WEEK UNTIL EASTER
THIS IS THE HOUR**

People may believe that they are Christians and good church members if they keep comfortably up to the moral standards of their class; but the fact that they cannot keep in close company with Jesus Christ unless with Him, they keep company with the poor and distressed. If the Saviour of the World were living in human form today, it is certain that His eyes and ears would be open and His whole mind alert to the cry of the needy. That cry now comes to you and me. **This is the hour** in which we can show Whose we are and Whom we serve.

Douglas Horton

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C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Movies and Worship Program

OUR SUPPLEMENT

The **supplement** of this week's **Christian Tidings** gives the Church Roll and the Business and Professional Directory of our Church members.

Much time has been spent by the office to have this as correct as possible. No matter how much effort is made, it is human to make mistakes. We hope there are none.

But this book is sent with the hope that you will be inspired by our great membership and that you will be led to patronize our members in business and those who have made this book possible.

A SALUTE TO OUR NEW CHURCH AND TO THOSE WHO CARE

Behold what stones can become when put together after a great design. Yes, we see this week after week as our magnificent new Church takes form. Symbolic it is, of what a congregation can become if they build themselves together in brotherly love after the pattern of Christ.

Yes, a notice came this month, as every month, showing my balance due on my pledge. I have always supported the Church and the charities of my church, increasing my donations through the years. And I am snowed under by requests for money from worthy causes and individuals.

But there is something special about this notice. I am deeply touched by expressions of appreciation I have received from the Building Committee. They ring true with sweetness and gratitude.

As I return this notice with my check I can almost see groups putting their heads together wanting to find just the right plans and words to move people to live and work for the Church. I see men visiting two by two in homes extending the invitation of the Church. As I seal the envelope I see youth, old people, families coming happy yet reverent to worship and pray in God's House.

In my mind's eye I am in Church. The exquisite sanctuary, the light through the beautiful windows, music, prayers are so blended that my soul becomes quiet and calm as the tumult of the times fades away in sincere worship. I know here the crooked ways will be made straight, as God's presence becomes real. My check becomes my prayer as I mailed it.

Well, I have sort of adopted this new building. Knowing it will be a place where faith, hope and love will fill its halls and rooms with sacred memories of Christian devotion and service.

Giving makes a bond between many; between those who gave devoutly but never saw their dream fulfilled with earthly eyes; and those living now and by their giving know they are working with God; and then the thousands yet to come, who can number?

A Salute to All. I am making more now. I can give and am giving more. You can always give those dollars importance by what you do with them.

OUR CHURCH ON THE AIR Over WGL in April

One hour of our Morning Worship Service will be broadcast during April over WGL. This will include Palm Sunday and Easter.

DEFINITE PLEDGE

Definite pledging on the part of church members takes church finances out of guesswork into certainty. It enables the church to draw up a budget which will meet its obligations, and to make a single canvass to meet this budget, instead of making repeated and ineffectual special appeals. Incidentally, it teaches the practical and moral necessity of a family's having its own budget just as a business has. It is not right to live habitually beyond one's income. Without a budget one never knows where he will come out. One item on the budget, in the form of a percentage of income, should be church support, missions and benevolences. Some people imagine that they give just as much when they make occasional gifts as they do when they pledge. There may be a few who actually do give as much as if they had pledged. If so, it is likely that they have made a mental pledge. If a mental pledge, why not a written one?

—Clipped

WHAT HAPPENS

What happens to people as people must be the concern of every man who has caught a glimmer of the mind of Christ. Fortunately there is negligible disagreement on this point among the Protestant clergy.

Not long ago in a questionnaire that was answered by more than 1100 preachers, the question was asked, "Do you believe that to drink or not to drink is a man's own business?" More than 90 percent of them answered, "No." They differed rather sharply on other phases of the alcohol question—much too sharply for comfort to the total abstainer—but they did agree that drinking, at least in contemporary life, is a social concern and not purely a personal affair.

To speak of the "alcohol **problem**," is to speak a palpable understatement. Phrases charged with much more emotion would be abundantly justified: "the alcohol madness," or "the alcohol tragedy."

—Dr. Paul S. Rees

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

By Dan Genung

One night I heard a ranger say a strange thing. He said that the mountains of California, even the mighty mountains of the Yosemite that still cuddle snow around their shoulders in late July, are probably growing right now. They still are being forced higher and higher by a great unseen power within the earth!

Sometimes that power acts a bit too fast and we have volcanoes or earthquakes. But normally it—and I believe it is the power of the Creator God—moves slowly, oh so slowly that man with his finest instruments can barely detect the movements. Very seldom can man see the mountains grow. Yes, God's power moves slowly.

Yesterday we saw a beautiful blue lake. Thousands of years ago it was a volcano, spitting fire and molten rock. Today it is blue and quiet. God took a long time to make that lake, but he did it.

Maybe we worry too much about the fire and smoke and turmoil of our time. God moves slowly. Let's resolve to move in accordance with His wishes, to always obey His laws—and to trust His power to triumph through us.—Written in Yosemite.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet with with Mrs. Romane Cole, 2620 West Drive on Tuesday evening, April 8, at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Alan Bell will assist the hostess. Mrs. James Scherer, born in China of Missionary parents, will be the speaker of the evening. Mrs. Scherer was Superintendent of Nurses at the Yale Nursing School for Girls in China. Members are urged to invite quests. In this event please notify the hostess.

The Dr. Royal J. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, 1914 Drexel Ave., on Tuesday afternoon, April 8, at 1:45 P.M. **Members, please note change in time and date.**

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Willis Van Alstine is a surgical patient at Lutheran Hospital, room 216.

NOTES

Richard Renbarger, Marine, Robert Fahl, Navy, Robert R. Kernen, Air Corps. and Richard Norton, Army, a few of our fine young men who are serving their country, have recently attended church services while home on leave.

Rev. Barton A. Johnson will speak over WLW Radio and Television, next Sunday morning at 7:30.

ORCHIDS

We wish to congratulate and express our appreciation to Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott who has been our organist for 25 years this March. A Quarter Century of Service is quite a record.

We wish to express appreciation to all who had a part in making our Talent Night a success last Friday. This was sponsored by the Young people in our Church and the proceeds for the occasion was \$30.00.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome into our Church Fellowship the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. Levi C. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Vunora, Mr. and Mrs. Powell A. Rayburn, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lovell, Mr. and Ms. Mark H. Crouse and family, William E. Crouse and Miss Mary Val Crouse.

COMING EVENTS

VISITATION EVANGELISM

The **Week beginning March 31st** will be devoted to Visitation Evangelism. In teams of two the men of our Church will call upon prospective members.

Prayers are solicited from all our members for the success of this visitation.

ANNUAL SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Palm Sunday evening, 7:30 P.M. for men and women. **Michael K. Stephan**, who has returned from Lebanon, Israel, Syria, and Jordan, will be the guest speaker. This promises to be a most interesting evening under the sponsorship of the **Christian Women's Fellowship**.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunrise Service in the **New Church** on Easter Morning. The service will be followed by a breakfast in the old Church. Everyone is invited. This is sponsored by the **C.Y.F.**



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PALM SUNDAY

MANY GOOD CHRISTIANS

Once there was a man who cried out to God, "Behold, only I am left." Then it was God had to show him how many good men were left. Again and again we are caused to marvel at the number of good people everywhere. You are being foolish when you try to excuse yourself by thinking so many people are evil. Far better is it to try to make yourself worthy of the vast number of real Christians.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday — Come to Church enter into this choice fellowship of good people.

Once the "G.I.'s" had been fighting fiercely in deep tangled woods. They could see difficulties, dangers, death. They felt all alone. They felt the heaviest burdens had fallen upon them. Then, all at once, a great arc of soldiers burst out of the forest and they saw the enemy running in panic before them. Our men were astonished at the number of faithful, loyal men who had been fighting valiantly. Our world is full of faithful Christians.

Come — Gather this Palm Sunday with them around our Lord's Table.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M. — OVER WGL

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

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Sermon: "Then, Now, Tomorrow"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Communion Service Over Air. Shut-ins can join in service.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

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C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

Michael K. Stephan, speaker. Mr. Stephan will give a report of his experiences in Lebanon, Israel, Jordan and Syria and other Near East Countries. He went on a special mission from the United States. Men, as well as women, will be interested in this Program. The Christian Women's Fellowship will have charge of this program.

REPORT FROM GERMANY

Ted Jones, former national secretary of the DSF, reports from Germany where he is working under the World Council of Churches. His work is made possible by funds from "Week of Compassion" offerings.

Mr. Jones arrived in Oldenburg on August 14. His colleagues are Heinz Kloppenburg, "one of the most informed and active men in Germany," and Halvor Graabaek, rural pastor from Denmark.

He soon found that the full shop windows, generous meals, new cars and well-dressed people were only a facade. On the outskirts of the cities were DP and refugee camps—with several families crowded into one

room — unemployment offices with long lines of people.

A week spent at Burhave with 32 German men proved extremely revealing. All had been prisoners of war, and 27 were without a job. The general theme of the week was, "Come what may, we are still brothers."

Mr. Jones says, "It doesn't take very long in Germany to realize that when you meet . . . any person . . . that suffered under the Nazis, who is working to rebuild the bridge of Christian understanding between his country and Germany, he is a person who really understands what the word 'forgiveness' means."



A CRUSADE CHURCH

It takes more than brick and mortar to build a church, and usually it takes more than the faith and courage of the members. Three out of four churches in our brotherhood have had some financial help from state or national boards at some time.

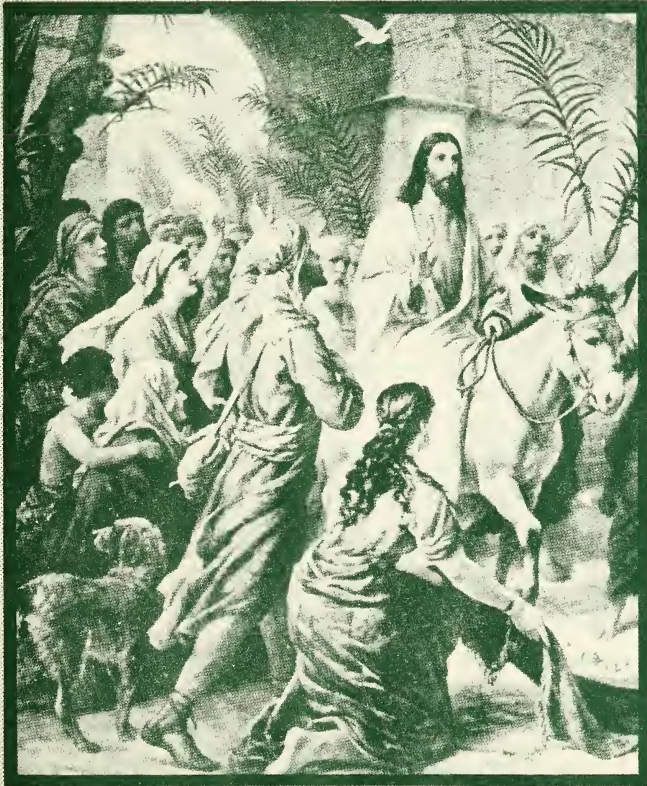
One of the aims of *A Crusade for a Christian World* was to provide

funds to assist new congregations through the home missions division of the United Society. Many churches have already been aided by small grants.

At the growing county seat town of Brunswick, Georgia, stands a small new church. Never before has there been a Christian Church in this town. Aid has been given by the state missionary society, and *Crusade* funds received by the United Society are helping to support a full time ministry and an effective program of service.

The town of Brunswick has a large federal housing project. It is on well-traveled highways along the sea coast. The ministry is to tourists as well as the people of the town.





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MAUNDY THURSDAY CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

7:30 P.M.

This is one of the fine inspirational services of our Church for Lent when we meet to break Bread as did the Disciples of old before the Crucifixion of our Lord. You will want to come to this great devotional service.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Noon-day Services at Paramount Theatre with guest preacher through Thursday. The Preacher this year is D. Robert B. Pierce of Indianapolis.

Wednesday our men will usher and our Pastor will preside.

Three Hour Service on "Good Friday" Our pastor will speak on the Third Word. Mrs. J. E. Weicker will sing.

The **Children's Services** on Good Friday—Two services to accommodate all who wish to attend—Quimby Auditorium. First Service 1:30 P.M. Second Service at 3:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE — at New Church, 4800 S. Calhoun

First religious Service in the new Church. Band will furnish music. A carefully prepared Service will be given. All members are invited.

EASTER BREAKFAST of eggs and bacon and coffee will follow at the Church. Please call in your reservation to E-2737.

FIRST CHRISTIAN — "ALERTED FOR ACTION"

The quarterly statements are in the mail. Note Letter and other material.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 6: Cecil Rice, Wm. H. Crouse; April 13: C. E. Fuchshuber, Dr. A. C. Worley; April 20: Hugh D. Rice, John Z. Berlien; April 27: Owen O. Vaught, Alan C. Bell.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Eural G. Rose, Captain, H-4994; W. H. Imbody, J. E. Tracey, Geo. R. Bruckman, Willis E. Boswell, Fred H. Wilson, Paul A. Strawser, Harold K. Pritchard, J. Hugh Tracey. If unable to serve, please call your Captain.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Paul C. Kepple Circle will meet at the Church on Tuesday afternoon, April 8, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Circle leader.

The Mrs. Don McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave. on Wednesday afternoon, April 9th at 1:45. Mrs. Schlatter Circle leader.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. R. H. Cole, 2620 West Drive on Tuesday evening, April 8. Mrs. Alan Bell, Co-hostess.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. R. Schrecongost, 1914 Drexel Blvd., on Tuesday afternoon, April 8, at 1:45. Mrs. E. G. Rose, will present the program.

The Allan Huber Circle will meet at the Church on Thursday, April 10, 2:00 P.M.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Gail J. Roe has been ill at her home. She is slowly recovering. Miss Carol Sorg is ill with rheumatic fever. Merle Rice has been ill for several weeks.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Mrs. Robert L. Daring, formerly Jacqueline Brinkman, is the mother of a new member. Mr. and Mrs. George Duncan are proud parents of a baby boy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BENEFIT BUILDING FUND

The Sunday School program in the Boosters Club series of monthly events will be held Thursday night, April 24, at 7:30 o'clock at the Church. Movies are being arranged, popcorn will be available. Tickets, to be distributed among the children this Sunday, are 15 cents for children under 12 and 35 cents for persons over 12. Dale Pakerson, John Craig, Eural Rose and Bert Leversee are in charge.

EASTER LILLIES

Easter lillies may be sent to the Church as memorials for the Easter Service. These should be in the Church on Saturday before Easter so they may be properly arranged.

EDGERTON TRAVEL SERVICE

Error in Directory. The correct address is 203 W. Washington St.



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EASTER SUNDAY

It is important that this Easter be a witness to our faith. Pagan forces in our world are creating an atmosphere of suspicion, hatred and despair. Let them see the manifestation of our faith and its collective strength. Every person who believes in God is committed to the way of Christ, belongs in Church this Easter.

"Military alliance, balance of power, League of Nations all in turn failed . . . We have had our last chance. If we do not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advance in science. Art, literature and all the material and cultural development of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

—At the Japanese Surrender

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M. — OVER WGL

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

Sermon: "The Other side of Disaster"

Preacher: Our pastor

Communion Service Over Air. Shut-ins can join in service.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Meet Your Goals — Bring Your Special Offering

SUNRISE SERVICE — 6:00 A.M.

4800 South Calhoun Street

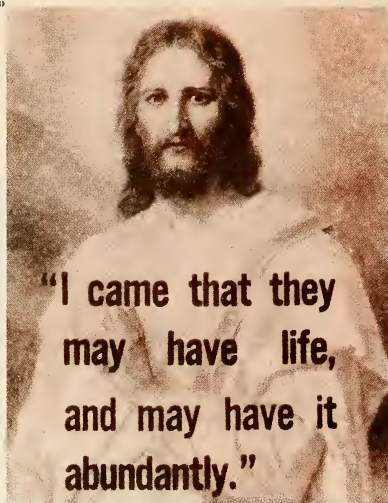
First Religious Service in our new Church.

Band — Corporate Worship — Memorial Service for those we lost in death last year.

Soloist, Mrs. Alan C. Bell. Speaker, Mr. H. W. Sigrist.

Boosters Club will show you about the Church. Breakfast at 7:30 at Old Church. 35 cents — Make reservations.

THE WAY,
THE TRUTH,
THE LIFE



Thou art the Way: to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

Thou art the Truth: Thy Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind,
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

George Washington Doane (1799-1859)

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GOOD FRIDAY EVENING — 8:00 P.M.

Party for New Members since October 1952

By Co-chairman Couples. Call Chester Follis (A-1327) or, John Merrill (H-57243) if you have no way to come. Co-chairman Couples are: Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill.

A SALUTE TO THOSE WHO MADE CALLS LAST WEEK

Clayton Youquelet, C. E. Fuchshuber, John S. Craig, James Shockney, Dick Schrecongost, Walter Birkhold, Lawrence G. Martin, Henry Flowers, William E. Munro, Harold W. Crowder, J. L. Bubaker, Paul A. Strawser, Alan C. Bell and E. R. Baker.

We also wish to give a word of appreciation to the women, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, and their group members from C.W.F., who graciously prepared the suppers during the Evangelism Visitation week.

LOOKING AHEAD

Men's Forum Sunday, April 20th. Lester A. Trier, Engineer and Architect, will be the Speaker.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. Tracey, 804 Colerick St. on Monday evening, April 14, at 8 P.M.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Ethel Allen, 1320, Jackson St. on Monday evening, April 14 at 6:30 P.M. for a covered dish dinner.

The General meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at the Church on **Tuesday evening, April 15.** Election of officers for coming year. Mrs. Maude Thurman or the Huber Circle will have devotions. The McGavran Circle is in charge of hospitality; the Evening Guild will serve refreshments. The Kepple Circle is in charge of the program, which will be a dramatization of the book, "He Wears Orchids," presented by members of the West Creighton Christian Church under the direction of Mrs. Henry Budde. Those in the cast are: Mr. Byron Thomas, Mr. Theo. Hager, Mrs. Ferd Walters, Ms. H. E. Allender and Mrs. Richard Hinton. All members and friends are invited. Mrs. Irene Cline, Vice-President of C.W.F. will preside.

NOTES

The Sacrificial Service on Palm Sunday evening was very well attended. We are sorry some were unable to be present. Please bring your special offering to the regular meeting on April 15, or drop it in the collection plate Sunday morning.

BOOSTER CLUB

The Sunday School is arranging a fine pogram for the next Building Fund Benefit affair set for Thursday night, April 24, at 7:30 o'clock at the Church. Movies for children and adults will be featured, and plenty of popcorn will be available. Children of the Sunday School have tickets for sale at 15 cents for children under 12 and 35 cents for persons 12 or over.

CHURCH CAMPSITE SPECIAL FUND

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Ned Klotz is a patient in room 272, Lutheran Hospital, having undergone major surgery. Mr. Leo Miller is confined to his home because of illness. Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. Willis VanAlstine are convalescing at their homes.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the church is extended to the family of Mrs. C. E. Easterday who was taken in death last week. Mrs. Easterday was 88 years of age.



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ON TO PENTECOST BE LOYAL

The Christian Church has reached its strength because most of its members are loyal. On the other hand the utter indifference to the work and purpose of the church on the part of some nominal Christians has caused "blind spots" within the fellowship. The history of the early Church has a record of Saints and Martyrs who were loyal to death. Even in those days a few could not stand the pressure.

Demas of the early Church is an intriguing character. He started well as a companion of Paul. He joined Paul in two letters to the Churches. Later he turned up in Christian Circles in Asia. But if he is remembered for anything it is for being a quitter. He couldn't take it. Perhaps he thought the people weren't high class enough. He was not really loyal to the Lord. Paul writing to Timothy, "Demas has deserted me."

The church has suffered because of quitters in its fellowship. People who started out like Paul and ended like Demas. Demas is not dead. In the United States only about 32% are faithful in church attendance.

Christian loyalty means an honest attempt to live a moral life. The newspapers are full of crime and disloyalty. Demas is not dead.

Loyalty means each members has a financial responsibility. Churches labor to meet their budgets. The Demas spirit operates and people do not carry through their obligations. Loyal people have made the Church vital in the life of the world. Being loyal makes your Church significant.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M. — OVER WGL

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

Sermon: "The Eclipse of God"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Communion Service over Air. Shut-ins can join in service.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Let Us Keep Up Our Attendance

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.



Worship service in the remnants of Mt. Zion Christian Church on the Sunday following the hurricane.

Jamaica Church Convention

The 72nd annual convention of our Jamaica Mission was held in Tarrington Christian Church in a suburb of Kingston, February 25-27. It was reported by James Sugioka of the United Society who is in Jamaica to assist in the rebuilding of churches destroyed in the hurricane of last August.

Mr. Sugioka wrote with deep appreciation of the faith and consecration of the 55 registered delegates. Many of them walked miles down a hillside to where they could catch a bus from Kingston or obtain a ride with others. They represented 25 of our 33 churches.

Evening attendance at convention sessions averaged from 450 to 500, as members came from the three large churches in the Kingston area.

Highlights of the convention were a baptismal service for eight candidates, and a dedication service for three young men who will give their lives to the ministry.

The churches of Jamaica are greatly encouraged in their reconstruction problem by the splendid offerings

which have been made by American churches to aid in the cost of materials. A total of \$88,334 had been received on March 10 on the anticipated cost of \$150,000 for replacing eight buildings damaged beyond repair, and extensive repairs to six others.



"Pray Ye Therefore"

*Just as the Master felt each day the
need*

*To draw about him quiet like a veil,
and go apart to pray,*

*How much more we need — so
"Lord, teach us to pray..."*

—Frances Crosby Hambet
Church Woman

May Fellowship Day, observed by United Church Women across our land, has for its theme this year, "Spiritual Security for Today's Families." The development of the Christian home has never seemed so important as in this day of insecurity and uncertainty.



"In Remembrance of Me"

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MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING

The Men's Forum will have their dinner meeting on Sunday evening from 5 to 7 P.M. Mr. Lester A. Trier, Engineer and Architect for our new building, will be the guest speaker. Rolland Ripple is in charge of group singing with Alan Bell at the piano. John Craig, Romane Cole, William Munro and Roy Chambers make up the food committee. Jerry Brubaker will preside at a short business session. All our Church men and their friends are cordially invited.

ALL CHURCH MOVIES SET FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 24

An enjoyable evening has been arranged for you and your family next Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 o'clock at the church as the seventh monthly program to benefit the Building Fund. Dale Parkerson has arranged for motion pictures which will include a travelogue and comedy reels.

John Craig, Eural Rose and Bert Leversee are assisting with this program which is sponsored by the Sunday School.

NOTES

We wish to express our thanks to all those who furnished lilies for our Church for Easter Sunday. Among these were: Mrs. C. R. Sargent, Mr. B. W. Leversee, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Crouse and family, Mr. Bret R. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Klotz and family, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Beck, Mrs. Ray Woodhull and Miss Nancy Woodhull, The Ladies Bible Class and The Friendly Bible Class.

Flowers seem to carry the Easter message in a very special way. And we are grateful for your thoughtfulness.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

A fine group enjoyed this inspirational Easter Sunrise Service at the new Church. Our sincere thanks go to Mr. James Shockney, Mr. O. E. Ogden and members of his band who furnished the music; to the young people of the Christian Youth Fellowship who sponsored the program; to Mrs. Alan Bell for her beautiful solo; to Mr. Sigrist and Mr. Vaught for their part on the program. And special thanks to all those who prepared and served breakfast.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. C. B. Whitman, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. W. VanAltime, Mr. Leo Miller, Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Merle Rice, Mr. Ned Klotz.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Charles Pennington and her family in the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Dager of New Haven.

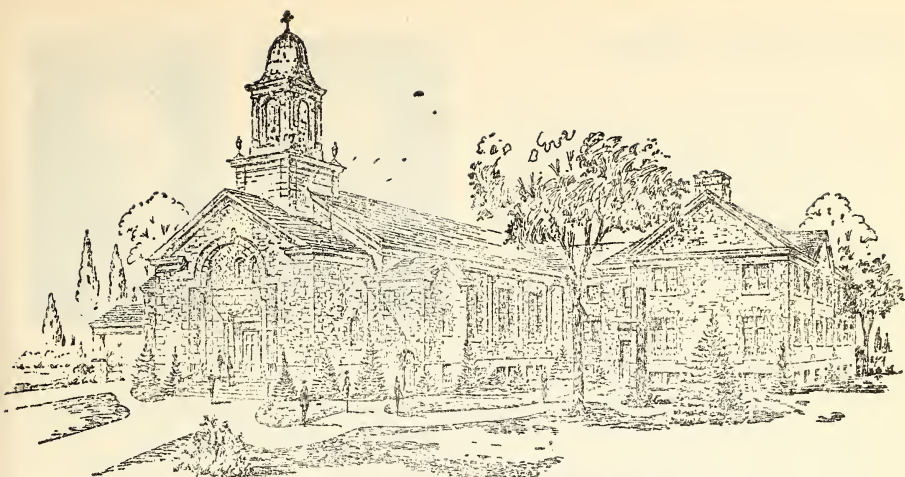
We also wish to express our sympathy to Miss Minnie Conn in the recent loss of her sister, Miss Mary Conn.

OUR PASTOR

Our Pastor is spending this week in Rochester, N. Y., attending the Spring Convocation of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

CHURCH CAMPSITE SPECIAL FUND

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ON TO PENTECOST

FAITH IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Experience is a strict and fair teacher and experience has taught us to have a firm trust in **Special Providence**. The meaning is clear. Very definitely, God is not above or beyond taking an active interest in each life. That He is, even more, trying to guide each life in every particular. But you and I **have to ask** for that leadership. God is ready to take you by the hand. He will do so if you will only reach up and let Him. "Like as a Father pitieth His own children, so the Lord pitieth those who trust Him." Think of it, God will actually lead you, every-step-of-the-way. He will be with you in experience of joy or sorrow. Do you believe that? Will you believe that? You can!

RESOLVE TO DO MORE FOR GOD AND TO GIVE MORE TO GOD

How can you expect great things from God, unless you do great things for God and His Church. Work together with God. See how you will prosper in everyway. Try it. We challenge you. We dare you just to try it.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M. — OVER WGL

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir
"Hear My Prayer"James

Sermon: "What Is Your Way?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

We have received many reports over the fine reception from our Broadcast. It has been gratifying to know that so many at home joined with the congregation at Church in celebrating our Lord's Supper. We are grateful for this enlarged congregation. Sunday will conclude our month on the Air.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Special Temperance Lecture on Sunday
May 4th at the opening Period

C. Y. F.

Spring Young Peoples Conference will be in Fort Wayne this year at the West Creighton Church. We will register at 2:30 P.M. All young people are asked to join in the Spring Conference. Dinner and registration are \$1.00. An interesting program has been arranged.

At Barbee Camp the young people will go on the 3rd on a work project. This is the Camp site of 40 acres on Lake Barbee.

Home From China

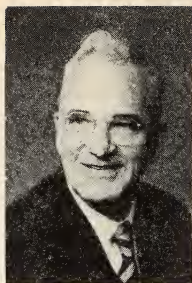
Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Goulter arrived in the United States in January after several months spent with relatives in Australia, en route home from China.

The Goulters, the last Disciple missionaries to leave China, had the unusual experience of living for two and a half years under the Communist regime.

The first 20 years of their service was given at Hofei, west of Nanking, where Dr. Goulter carried on a rural reconstruction program and training for farmer-teacher-preachers.

During the second World War, Mrs. Goulter was at home with her children, while her husband remained there and was interned after Pearl Harbor until the end of the war. On his release, he stayed to help restore mission property before taking a furlough.

In 1947, Dr. Goulter was appointed field director for the Rural Service Union, a new interdenominational pro-



Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Goulter

gram, and was stationed at Chuhsien until the Korean war. Mrs. Goulter taught music and home-making to young Christians.

Although the people remained friendly, government officials made it dangerous for them to visit the Goulters. After months of indignities, the missionaries had to leave China.

Dr. Goulter will become Professor of Missions in the College of the Bible at Phillips University.

Serving The People

During 1951, 2882 individuals were served by Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas. One of six home missions institutions sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society, it serves a congested area, peopled largely by Mexican Americans.

The program last year provided

health education and clinical care to more than 1700 mothers and small children. English and naturalization classes enrolled 96 adults, 12 of whom became United States citizens. Clubs, classes and playground activities attracted hundreds of boys and girls each day.



E. G. Luna, director of Mexican Christian Institute, confers with Jesse Ybarra, who grew up in the community. Now he is director of the boys' department.

Peace On Earth

Is it a dream, and nothing more — this faith
That nerves our brains to thought, our hands to work
For that great day when wars shall cease, and men
Shall live as brothers in a unity
Of love — live in a world made splendid? . . .
In our hearts this question, in our minds
The haunting echoes of the song of war;
When will the nations cure the itching palm?
Change curse of pride to love of peace?
How long before such peace can pass our lips,
Can claim our minds and drive out all distrust?
When shall our fingers dare to drop the sword,
While with unquestioning eyes we reach two hands
In open comradeship to all the world?

—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy



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PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., on Saturday evening, April 26, at 7 o'clock for a pot-luck dinner. Please bring card tables.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Alan Bell is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Don W. Miller is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital for surgery.

Mrs. Gail J. Roe has been ill and is slowly recovering.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Wm. Coblentz in the recent death of her brother.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET — FRIDAY, MAY 2 — 6:30 P.M.

The Christian Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Friday evening, May 2, at 6:30. This is to be a carry-in dinner, making it possible for all women of the Church to attend. Mothers bring your daughters! Daughters bring your mothers! Let us have a fine attendance. "The Circus Theme" has been chosen for the program and Mrs. Allen Garee will bring highlights on Circus life. Decorations will carry out the theme with menagerie animals and a merry-go-round. There will be favors for the daughters. The Evening Guild is in charge of decorations. Mr. Glenn Miller's group will furnish special music and we will have group singing. Mrs. Richard A. Lovell has been chosen to serve as Toastmistress. A Mother, Daughter response is a feature of the program.

Altho the meal is a carry-in dinner, it is important that the decorations committee have some idea as to how many intend to be present. Please call your Circle president or the Church office and make your reservations.

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Dr. A. Dale Fiers, President U.C.M.S. will speak on "The Enabling Christ."

Baptists and Disciples have long known that they have much in common. Dr. Hampton Adams and Dr. Edward Pruden will discuss our separate origins.

Dr. Walter W. VanKirk, from National Council of Churches, will bring the message at the United Assembly of Baptists and Disciples, Wednesday night, May 21. His subject "Peace Must Be Waged."

A United Communion Service (Baptist-Disciples) will be held Thursday, May 22. Dean Emeritus Luther A. Weigle, Yale University will present the story of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on Wednesday night, May 21.

CHURCH CAMPSITE SPECIAL FUND

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NOTES

Captain and Mrs. Irving Denton were in church Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koontz. We were glad to have them with us again.



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ON TO PENTECOST

Though this century may be known as a century of wars and cruelty, as a time of the revival of barbarism, yet in our time the pathos and grandeur of human life have reached new climaxes. Never before have there been so much suffering and never before has there been so much heroism, such wide-spread martyrdom, such determination to free the world from the horrors of hatred. Destiny is beating upon the heart and mind of mankind.

The reaction to destruction is seen in the almost mass production of new homes and magnificent buildings in our country. The increasing number of new churches being built is a response of man's desire to express permanently his belief in the spiritual and in a time of ugly deeds nowhere can beauty have such expression as in church architecture with its art windows and fine music.

As we build and express our longing for the good, the true, the beautiful, the spiritual in the outward, let us build as well, the moral and spiritual structure of our lives.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "Dealing With Resentments"

Special Music by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Mr. Ellis Hargrave, former principal of the Washington High School of Indianapolis, will bring a Temperance message at the opening period. All classes, that can, are asked to be present for this part of the Sunday School hour.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Hargrave will lead a discussion on temperance.

FAMILY WEEK — May 4 - 11th

Sunday begins **Family Week**, the nationally chosen period to consider family welfare and for the Church to consider the Christian Home. The Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held on Friday, May 2nd and Mother's Day on May 11th.

AT WINCHESTER CONFERENCE

Mrs. Robert T. Beck and Mrs. Charles E. Dare were at the State Conference on Women's Work at the Christian Church, Winchester, Indiana, this week.

Litany On The Home

Our Father, Thou who has set the solitary into families and who has filled the waste places with the seed of thy love, so Thee we make our prayer. For the assurance of Thy Fatherhood, made real through Thy Son, Jesus, and for the brotherhood of all mankind,

We thank Thee, O God, our Father.

For the love which draws families together, and for the truth and peace which enriches the fellowship of the family circle as it is deepened through Thy great love,

We thank Thee, O God, our Father.

For the heritage which has brought to each life, even ours, through the molding influences of the home, the fruits of the centuries and the harvest of wisdom of all peoples,

We thank Thee, O God, our Father.

For the host of the faithful, named and nameless, through all ages, who through loyalty and devotion have honored and made family life beautiful,

We thank Thee, O God, our Father.

For our fathers and mothers from whose example of love and sacrifice we learn of Thee,

We thank Thee, O God, our Father.

For neighbors and friends, who have given us a glimpse of the beauty of lives lived in Thy presence,

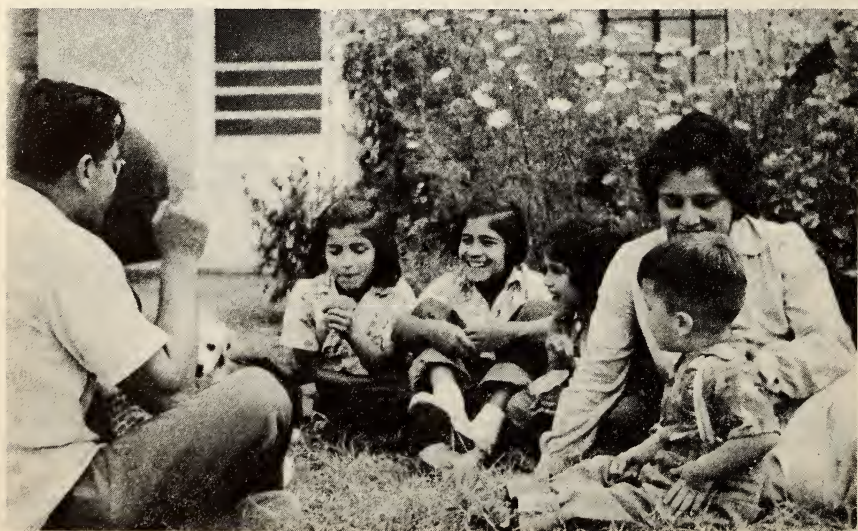
We thank Thee, O God, our Father.

O God, our Father, make us quick to understand the needs and feelings of others, and grant that living in the brightness of Thy presence, we may bring Thy sunshine into cloudy places, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Father Tells A Story

Sr. Daniel Lopez de Lara, pastor of Central Christian Church, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, with his wife and children. Sr. Lopez de Lara conducts an enthusiastic youth program in connection with his ministry, and assists with the work in the second church in the city, La Colonia.





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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 4—Robert E. Clipp,

Joseph M. Fitch

May 11—Dr. A. C. Worley,

Glenn R. Miller

May 18—John Z. Berlien

Cecil Rice

May 25—Owen O. Vaught

Alan C. Bell

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Gail J. Roe, Captain, E-2675; Don J. Eyer, Herbert C. Banet, Wm. E. Tracey, Jay J. McCarel, Chester L. Follis, Clayton Yoquelet, Merland G. Heller. If unable to serve please call your Captain.

The Official Board will meet Tuesday evening, May 6, at 8 p.m. at the church.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. P. A. Rayburn is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 175.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mother-Daughter Banquet (Carry-in-Dinner) Friday evening, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

The Dr. Royal J. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, 334 W. Fleming Ave., Wednesday, May 7, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Maude Thurman will present the program. Her topic, "Mexico." Election of Officers.

The Rev. Paul C. Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. J. R. Coar, Suburban Drive, on Wednesday afternoon, May 7, at 1:45 P.M.

The Allen Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. F. E. Morrical, R.R. 7, on Thursday afternoon, May 8th, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Maude Thurman will have devotions and Mrs. Joseph Siples will present the program.

NOTES

Word has come that Miss Phyllis Kepple, Pabellon, Mexico, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Kepple, our Living Link, will marry Charles A. Worrell, Oak Lawn, Illinois, at University Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, on May 31st.

A gift to Miss Kepple from friends in the Church would carry our sincere wishes for her happiness.

DO YOU HAVE A FAMIL GRACE?

Many families learn together the grace which they use at mealtime. It's good to have all members participating. If you don't know a grace to use in this way, may we suggest this one?

"We thank Thee, loving Father,
For all Thy tender care,
For food and clothes and shelter,
And all Thy world so fair. Amen."

—From First Christian Church, Lubbock, Texas

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SUNDAY IS MOTHERS DAY

A DECALOGUE FOR PARENTS

1. Create and keep a spirit of mutual respect with your children.
2. Tell the truth to your children at all times and under all circumstances.
3. Listen with an open mind and a sympathetic viewpoint to what your children have to say.
4. Enter into the lives of your children through play.
5. Do not forget that children follow example much more readily than they do advice.
6. Do not let your ambitions interfere with the development of the individuality of your children.
7. Pave the way for your children's success by safeguarding their health.
8. Know that the shows which your children see and the books which they read are clean.
9. Help children to choose and entertain their companions.
10. Remember that if you deny or ignore God you destroy man's nobility.

—THE SALEM OUTLOOK

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.
Sermon: "On Coming Home"

Special Music by Choir
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

IF ONE can find a good wife,
 She is worth far more than corals.
 Her husband puts his trust in her,
 And finds no lack of gain.
 She brings him good, and not harm,
 All the days of his life.
 She sorts out wool and flax,
 And works it up as she wills.
 She is like the ships of the merchant
 She brings her food from afar . . .

She stretches out her hand to the poor,
 She extends her arms to the needy . . .
 She opens her mouth in wisdom,
 And kindly counsel is on her tongue...
 Her children rise up, and bless her—
 Her husband also, and praises her:
 "Many women have done well,
 But you have excelled them all."

Proverbs 31:10-29

*The Complete Bible, An American
 Translation*



Filipinos Believe in Prayer

"Our Ilocano pastors and Bible women believe deeply in the power of prayer," writes Mrs. Norwood Tye, missionary to the Philippines. "We had this demonstrated to us recently in a very convincing way."

When Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Keyes, (new missionaries) arrived, the Tyes set out with them to their assigned station at Kabugao. It was a long, hard trip into the Apyao Mountain territory. The Filipino Christians were gravely concerned that they were going through the so-called Huk area which then was especially aroused, due to the coming national elections.

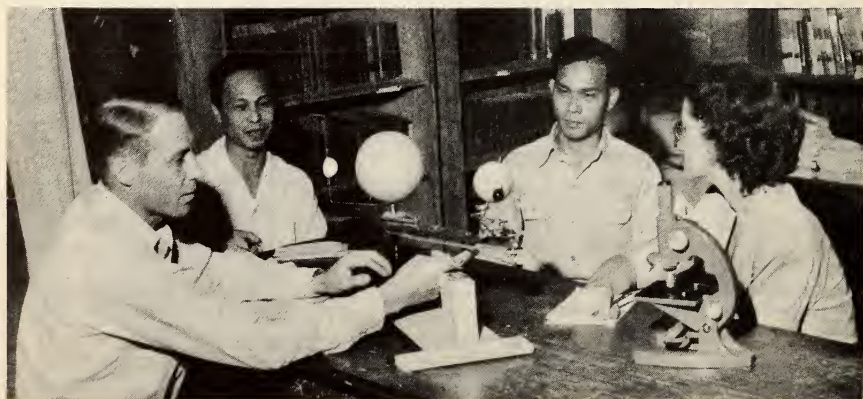
However, the rainy season was ap-

proaching and to wait until it was past would delay them four or five months. So the missionaries decided to disregard the danger and departed. Imagine their surprise when they discovered they had missed their first stop and learned that it had recently fallen to the Huks and most of the church members had evacuated.

Mrs. Tye says, "We did not know until we returned to the lowlands that some of the Bible women and pastors who had bid us good bye in the morning had spent a large part of the day in prayer for our safety."

COVER PHOTO by Harold Kime
 shows a mother and child of Paraguay.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Tye, left and right, with leaders of the mission work in Kabugao, Apayao Mountains. R.N.S. Photo.





**I fain would be a sculptor of the soul,
Making each strong line fine,
Each feature faultless.
Yet the sculptor cannot carve
In wood or stone
An image nobler than he sees
Within his own stout soul.**

Toyobiko Kagawa

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, 2918 Bowser Ave., on Wednesday, May 14. Mrs. J. M. Miller will give devotions and Mrs. E. N. Schlatter will present the program. Her topic, "Porto Rico."

The Dr. Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. M. S. Kreps, 727 E. Wayne St., on Monday evening, May 12, at 7:30 P.M.

SPRING INSTITUTE AND WORKSHOP

The Christian Women's Fellowship Spring Institute will be held at the Saturn Church of Christ, Thursday, May 15, from 9:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. Those attending will bring a dish of food. Coffee, rolls, and table service will be furnished. Workshops are planned for officers and laywomen. Transportation for those who can go.

MAY BREAKFAST — MAY 27, 9:30 A.M.

The Annual May Breakfast of the Christian Women's Fellowship will be on Tuesday, May 27th at 9:30 A.M. Miss Katherine Schutze, National Director for business women's groups in the Dept. of Missionary Organizations of the U.C.M.S. will be our guest speaker. Miss Schutze was formerly director of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Washington. She also served at Hazel Green Academy and was an educational missionary in Nanking for five years. Special music by the Huber Circle. Refreshments by the McGavran Circle. Kepple Circle is in charge of hospitality.

C.W.F. EXECUTIVE

The Executive meeting of the C.W.F. will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, on Thursday evening, May 22, at 7:30. Mrs. Charles Dare presiding officer]

ANOTHER ALL-CHURCH DINNER SUNDAY, MAY 18

The final of eight monthly programs for this season under the general auspices of First Christian Boosteds Club will be held Sunday noon, May 18, in the church dining room. The dinner and a very brief program will be in charge of the adult choir and church band. Short reports will be given on the Building Program and Boosters Club accomplishments.

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bernhardt who are the proud parents of a little new prospective member, Holly Ann, born May 5th. Mother and babe are doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. M. Gindlesparger are the happy grandparents.

NOTES

Many of our folk will be interested in the present address of Robert Fahl. 430-65-31—Div. 1., USS Hamner, 718 D.D., o/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Fahl is now serving off the coast of Korea.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Best of good wishes go to Mrs. C. B. Whitman on her birthday, May 6. Mrs. Whitman has been confined to her home by illness.

Mr. F. W. Edgerton is ill at his home 908 E. Sherwood Terrace.

Mrs. Robert T. Beck is confined to her home.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY — CORRECTION

May 11: Dr. A. C. Worley, Glenn R. Miller. May 18: John Z. Berlien, Cecil Rice.
May 25: Alan C. Bell, Charles Fuchshuber.

ASCENSION SUNDAY YSERVICE — MAY 25, 8 P.M.

The Fort Wayne Commandary Knights Templar will observe Ascension Sunday as our guests. The Shrine Chanters will bring the music. Everyone invited.



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ON TO PENTECOST

Sincerity — And a Vision of God

The old man in Victor Hugo's tale who rushed into the Company and excitedly proclaimed that he had seen God was looked upon as a mild lunatic. Most of us are ready to admit that there are a few religious seers who have had a beautiful vision of the Divine. But we dismiss as apparitions, delusions or illusion, any claim that ordinary people might sense the presence of God. Yet Jesus plainly tells us, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

When we sensibly examine this, wasn't Jesus talking about the sincere—"sinceritas" means "without flaw." We speak of a diamond that has no flaw. A heart or mind that is straight-forward, that rings true, is pure. May be Jesus meant a person whose motives are reliable, whose words and actions dependable, the soul that is sincere shall see reality.

Some put a premium on smartness. Many college students affect cleverness, sophistication. Thus their conduct is blighted with sincerity. So we don't trust business diplomats or European or Oriental diplomats.

The insincere walk in a world of shams. But the world of nature operates according to the laws of truth. Do you have troubles and problems. Then purify your own heart, if you do God's reality will open before you.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.
Sermon: "Eutyclus"

Special Music by Choir
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes for All age groups

FELLOWSHIP DINNER — 12 NOON

Sponsored by Booster Club

Bring covered dish and table service.

Report on Church and other business. Good Fellowship. Singing.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Opening Doors

More and more women are attending the regular meetings of the women's society of the Church of Christ in Asuncion, Paraguay. Attendance in February, 1952, was 26 although no more than 20 were expected. The membership of the church is about 50.

Except during the summer months (December, January, February), the women meet each Thursday. The first meeting of the month is for mission study, and others for work and devotions. In summer, meetings are held once a month.

It is not easy to interest adults of Paraguay in the message and activities of the evangelical church. Children love the Bible stories. Many who are not allowed to attend Sunday School are enrolled in Vacation Church School held just before Christmas each year. When children come to Vacation Church School parents are invited to one session, and the way is opened to extend an invitation to church services.

Every opportunity is used by the church to reach out into the homes of the community and to enlarge the circle of Christian fellowship.



Churches Can Help

The unsettled state of economic life in our country is reflected in the 750,000 rural people who are moving into the cities each year.

Both the home church and the city church have a definite responsibility to help orient the new citizen into a stable church relationship. It has been found that in his inexperience he tends to settle in the less desirable neighborhoods. Here he is drawn into unfavorable companionships which eventually break his ties to the church. It is especially distressing because most of these people are between 18 and 24

In-Service Training

Colleges and seminaries, state mission societies, and The United Christian Missionary Society are cooperating in providing in-service training to town and country pastors.

Some schools offer summer courses for graduate credit. In others institutes of ten days or less are conducted at various seasons. Four of our own schools announce Rural Church Institutes this summer. They are: Phillips University, Enid, Okla., June 9-13; Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, July 8-10; Eureka College, Eureka, Ill., July 22-24; Butler University, Indianapolis, August 12-15.

As a further assistance, the department of church development and evangelism of the United Society is offering scholarships to pastors of Christian Churches who apply.

The main purposes of such sessions are to help ministers become acquainted with tested methods of town and country work, problems of modern country life; to develop a fellowship among ministers in town and country, and agricultural leaders.

years of age, and more girls than boys.

To consolidate the gains made by evangelistic programs, churches in both town and country must carry on a vigorous follow-up service, designed to make the change from rural to urban living less demoralizing to church members.

This problem presents a challenge to church leaders which cannot be ignored. Church programs must include a plan for salvaging this segment of our population which has been allowed to separate itself from Christian influence.



**God speaks to us in bird and song;
In woods that drift the clouds along;
Above the din of toil and wrong,
A melody of love.**

—J. Johnson

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Public Invited

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The Committee is composed of C. D. Palmer, Chairman, Charles E. Fuchshuber, Associate Chairman, Dr. L. W. Ditton, H. W. Sigrist, P. H. Somers, Everett E. Shull, Edward H. Ashton, Merle F. Morkoetter and F. W. Edgerton.

ALL-CHURCH DINNER

SUNDAY, MAY 18 — 12 NOON

Arrangements have been completed for the church-wide carry-in dinner following the Sunday, May 18, Service. The program will be short and snappy! Music will be provided during the dinner by representatives of the Adult Choir and Church Band. A Building Fund offering will be received.

Mrs. William Tracey, chairman of the dining room committee, announced that coffee, rolls and butter will be provided. Other committee members are: Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Dale Hiler, and Mrs. Henry M. Flowers.

Bring your covered dish or other food and **table service** to the dining room before Sunday School or the Worship Service.

This is the eighth Boosters Club event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AIDS BUILDING FUND

Movies sponsored by the Sunday School during April added \$22.89 to the Building Fund.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive meeting of the C.W.F. will be held Thursday evening, May 22, at the home of Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield Ave.

The Annual May Breakfast of the C.W.F. will be held on Tuesday morning, May 27th at 9:30 A.M. Miss Katherine Schutze out of town speaker.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST — MAY 19-23

Medinah Temple — Chicago, Illinois

Monday: Workshops for various departments of our work. A tour of Chicago and its Churches, in the afternoon. Song leader, Mrs. Rose Page Welch. Music by the Festival Choir of the Chicago Disciples Union, directed by B. Fred Wise.

Tuesday: Foreign Division, United Christian Missionary Society, Dr. Virgil A. Sly, presiding, presenting missionaries from Africa, China, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico. — Symposium: Evangelism, The Key to Brotherhood Unlimited. Evening, Fellowship Assembly, American Baptist Convention and International Convention Disciples of Christ.

Wednesday: Breakfasts. Symposium in Long Range Program in Christian Education. Addresses by Dr. Robert W. Burns and Dr. J. Warren Hastings.

Thursday: Symposium on Long Range Program in Christian Stewardship. Historical Lecture "Doctrine and Thought of the Disciples of Christ — Independence." Afternoon, Missionary Hour, Dr. E. K. Higdon, presiding. Evening, United Communion Service.

Friday: Historical Lecture, "Doctrine and Thought of the Disciples of Christ—Unity." Afternoon, Home Missions, Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, presiding. Assisted by Mrs. C. W. Buckner and James A. Crain. Address, "Which Way in the Orient?" by Donald F. est. Final Address of the Convention, "The Enabling Christ" by A. Dale Fiers, President, UCMS.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. Leo E. Miller is in the Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. P. A. Rayburn is convalescing at her home. Mrs. Charles Whitman is in the Methodist Hospital.



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ON TO PENTECOST

The ability to ride the clouds and to speak across oceans does not guarantee a kind heart or a good will. Iron did not usher in a kindlier age, nor electricity a more compassionate mankind. The answer is not better business or greater skill—The answer is in the moral power of man—A man like Paul—A man like Saint Francis—A man like Kagawa—a man like consecrated men in our own church who love without reservation, our Lord points the way.

The tower of our new church is quite significant. In the night, from its tower windows shall come warm and cordial light inviting and kind. Spot lights illuminate the cross with a circle from the center of which shall go the lighting flashes of Pentecost.

As though speaking to the world that the saving power is not in electronic power—but in the spiritual power that comes from the cross—self-denying, self-giving, made potent by the power of Heaven.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

Sermon: "Uncertainties and Faith"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes for All age groups

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.



Girls of Margaret K. Long Girls' School, Tokyo, form a choir for an outdoor service.

SCHOOL IS FUN!

Going to school in Japan is a treasured privilege! So many eager students apply for entrance to our Boys' School and Margaret K. Long Girls' School, Tokyo, that the staffs have to spend many weeks in screening the applicants for the school year which begins in April.

The first class to finish at the Boys' School since the end of the war had 147 graduates at the exercises held in March. One boy had a perfect attendance record for three years — very difficult to achieve when one travels 2 hours on a train to get to school!

Japan is very education-conscious and Christian education is a vital instrument in the future of the land. Both of these schools are supported by Disciples of Christ. They are favorably known for their progressive methods in general education and a strong emphasis on the production of able Christian citizens in a world where character is needed as never before in history.

The girls' school was opened in 1905 with 5 teachers and 12 students and has developed into one of the best of its kind in Japan. It has a well-trained faculty of 50, good equipment, and 1000 select students.

The Boys' School was established one year later. The present student body

numbers 543 in junior high school and 440 in senior high school, with 113 of the students baptized Christians.

The two schools have been kept in continuous operation, even during the war years, with active hostility and persecution from the military. Much credit is due the courageous leadership which has brought the schools to the enviable place they hold in Japan today.



Facts and Figures from Puerto Rico

Disciples of Christ number 5,461 members in 45 churches and 83 places of regular meeting on the island of Puerto Rico; 627 were baptized last year.

The 78 Sunday schools enroll 5,661 members. More than 1,000 youth are in 32 young people's societies.

The Puerto Rico Mission was established in 1900.

THE COVER—Justino Perez, student minister from Union Theological Seminary in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, speaks to his church at Hato Nuevo, one of the rural congregations of the Disciples of Christ Mission. *Photo by Carroll Segbers from Black Star.*



How are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:14-15



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BOOSTERS CLUB NEARS \$1,000 GOAL!

Total receipts from church-wide programs sponsored by the Boosters Club since last August and including \$28.09 contributed during the closing dinner last Sunday have reached 925.76, Henry Flowers, retiring chairman, reported during the dinner. This is so near a \$1,000 goal that it was urged the sum be boosted to \$1,000 by Sunday, June 1, when new Boosters officers take over.

The principal means we now have for achieving this goal is the home BUILDING FUND banks, so be sure to bring in your banks Sunday, May 25, or Sunday, June 1. Some one will be there to receive your used bank and give you a new one. The home bank contributions up to May 16, totaled \$296.53. The eight Boosters Club events added \$451.38 and the store added \$123.22 to the Building Fund.

BOOSTERS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

John E. Merrill was elected last Sunday as chairman of the Boosters Club for the year starting June 1. Herbert C. Banet and Jack E. Weicker were elected vice-chairmen. This places the Club on an organizational basis instead of the committee status under which it has been operating. These fine young men already are planning new Boosters Club programs. Let us give them our whole-hearted support.

OUR ORGANIST HONORED

Mrs. Robert Scott was recognized during the church dinner last Sunday for completion of 25 years of service to our church as organist. This is an unusual record in any church and we are proud of it. Owen Vaught presented an orchid to Mrs. Scott on behalf of the Church.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST

MAY 27, 9:30 A.M.

The Annual May Breakfast of the C.W.F. will be held on Tuesday morning, May 27 at 9:30 in the Church Parlor. Mrs. Albert Egly will give the devotions; The Huber Circle has secured Mrs. Lardelia Pearson, Miss Henrietta Jones and Miss Evelyn Weston to bring special music. They are a part of the group from the Union St. John's Series who are heard over WANE. Miss Katherine Schutze, National director for Business women's groups in the Department of Missionary Organizations of the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, will be our guest speaker. The Ladies of the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church C.W.F. will be our guests. Breakfast will be served by members of the McGavran Circle. Kepple Circle members are in charge of hospitality.

NOTES

The Committee in charge of the wedding gift for Miss Phyllis Kepple wish to thank all those who contributed to this fund. These little kindnesses are always greatly appreciated.



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SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

One great lesson taught by Pentecost is the power of united prayer. Here is verified the fact that when we pray we link ourselves with the inexhaustible motive power of the Universe. Prayer is a force as real as terrestrial gravity.

The disciples of Christ were to demonstrate the steady flow of sustaining power in their daily life. All these we read "continued with one accord in prayer". Their dauntless courage and unflinching faith is the glory of the Church.

If you make a habit of sincere prayer, your life will be altered noticeably and profoundly. Prayer will stamp its unmistakable mark on your acts and demeanor. A tranquility of bearing, a repose of face and body are to be observed in those whose inner lives are enriched by prayer. Within the depths of his mind and soul a flame is kindled. He sees his selfishness and pride, his fears, greeds, blunders, as he develops a sense of moral obligation, he begins a soul journey.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.
Sermon: "Stopping Places"

Special Music by Choir
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Special Children's Day Offering will be taken Sunday, June 9th

Classes for All age groups

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. M. G. Heller, 3224 Broadway on Friday evening, June 6 at 8 o'clock.

Job — A Man of Wealth

One of the most ancient stories in all literature is that of Job, a business man who lived many centuries before the Christian era.

Job was a man of great wealth. He owned many flocks and much land and in his day was counted as being among the richest of all men.

In the midst of a very busy household and the management of a great business, Job with all his family found time to worship God daily. He was, in all respects, a most admirable person. He possessed upright motives, supported the causes of righteousness and loved God. He was not deaf to the needs of others.

That which Job possessed he held to be a sacred trust from God and considered himself a steward. Joy marked his daily life and, as he helped others he found the strength of his own life deepened.

"I was eyes to the blind, and feet
was I to the lame. I was a father
to the needy: and the cause of him
I knew not I searched out."

—Job 29:15-16

The stewardship of Job was marked by an eagerness to share, rather than a mere acquiescence to social pressures or religious requirements. He proved that a man might possess much wealth and not be possessed by it. His desire for gain never excelled his desire to serve.

In the day of trouble, when Job lost everything he possessed, the memories of the delights which had attended his stewardship served as nourishment to his soul. By the measure of a material world, he was destitute and without hope for the future. The cynic and the scoffer stood by to question the wisdom of his stewardship in the past, and even

to suggest that he now denounce the practice and devotion which had apparently brought him to sackcloth and poverty.

It was then that Job achieved life's greatest triumph, when he could declare with conviction that the fullness of life is found not in herds or lands, but in the love of God and fellow man.

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

II Corinthians 9:6-7





*"I delivered the poor that cried, and the
fatherless, and him that had none to help
him."*

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR WILL

A Will should be made while you are yet in good health and clear mind. It should be drawn clearly and adequately express ones intentions. It should be dated and witnessed and signed by at least two disinterested persons, who together witness the testor sign the will and hear him declare it to be such.

If you desire the help of an attorney get one who is versed in probate work. When you consult him be sure to give all the facts.

If you chose to make a bequest to the First Christian Church, the following form is suggested:

"I will, give bequeath, and devise to the First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, a corporation under the laws of the State of Indiana, the sum of . . . receipt from Trustees of said Corporation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor of the same."

If real estate is willed, it should be adequately described and located, as one does in writing a deed.

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL AS YOU REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

SUNDAY IS BANK COLLECTION DAY

Sunday is the final day to achieve the Boosters Club goal of \$1,000, so be sure to bring in your Building Fund Bank and exchange it for a new one. If you cannot bring it Sunday, notify your captain so he can call for it. Remember, the first Sunday of each month is Building Fund Bank collection day.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 1—Joseph M. Fitch	Hugh D. Rice
8—Henry M. Flowers	Owen O. Vaught
15—Wm. H. Crouse	Robert E. Clipp
22—Glenn R. Miller	Cecil Rice
29—C. E. Fuchshuber	Hugh D. Rice

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

John S. Craig, Captain, K-1229; J. L. Brubaker, H. W. Crowder, J. E. Weicker, David A. Griggs, R. H. Cole, Wm. E. Munro, Wm. C. Robinson.

If unable to serve please call your captain

Regular meeting of the Official Board, Tuesday evening, June 3, at 8 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Royal J. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield Ave., on Wednesday afternoon, June 4, at 1:45.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers, St. Joe, Indiana, well known to many of our people will celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 1. For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers were active and loyal members of the Church here. Mrs. Meyers taught the children in Beginners and Primary Depts., and later became teacher of the Loyal Reapers Class. She served in this capacity for many years. Mr. Meyers served as deacon for many years and was active in the men's work of the church. We wish to extend to these dear friends our heartfelt congratulations on their anniversary and wish them God speed through the years ahead.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. C. F. Durfee suffered an ankle injury in an accident at her home. Mrs. George C. Malcom is in the hospital for observation. Among others to remember are: Mrs. Charles B. Whitman and Mr. Leo Miller.

Mr. Paul A. Strawser was among those who attended the International Convention with our Pastor.



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SUNDAY IS CHILDREN'S DAY

OUR CHURCH

If a tree be cut to the ground, yet shall it grow again. The roots of the Church are deep. Yet time and again the tree has been cut by dogma, bigotry, intolerance and persecution—but again and again the church shoots up fresh and vigorous in real expression of true religion.

The great movement, known, as The Disciples of Christ, came to life as men of the 18th and 19th Centuries sought the freedom of Christ and exalted into importance the individual right of choice and decision. Men of all creeds were exhorted to acknowledge Christ and His way of life as the one test of fellowship, without a bishop or overlord. The common sense approach to the Bible and Christian living, its aggressive and consecrated leadership have brought this Communion into 5th place among the Protestant Bodies of America.

First Christian Church is a child of this Tradition. It recalls its humble beginning, meeting in homes, in Halls over store rooms. But the founders believed in the future and that belief has been fully justified.

Today in the midst of a great Building program, First Christian reflects the faith of the best of our people in the last 82 years. On the highest spot in Fort Wayne and in one of the most modern and beautiful buildings, we as a people shall begin in Fort Wayne a new chapter.

It shall speak of our belief in the future. Encouraged by a house of prayer with a future in prospect, there is anticipated a growth in membership and in spiritual understanding. From such a foundation new life will find expression in church fellowship and in other community activities. Our church will become not only a home for a great membership but an encouragement to all that build Christian character in our community and around the world. "Other men have labored and we have entered into their labors."

MALACHI—A Man of Integrity

In the past few years statesmen, educators, scientists, and theologians have repeatedly called attention to the need for a quickening of the spiritual conscience of the peoples. The recognition of this basic need has been wide-spread.

Many years before Christ taught in Galilee, the prophet Malachi faced the same fundamental need in Israel. The people had ceased to honor God and desecrated the altars with inferior or unfit offerings. In the name of religion and charity, they hypocritically brought polluted bread and diseased animals for the feeding of the poor!

So base had become the concept of religious and social responsibility that some men stole from the herds of their neighbors the animals which they brought for sacrifice.

Disrespect for integrity in worship was accompanied by the dissolution of national unity. As service to God diminished, the spirit of the nation grew weaker.

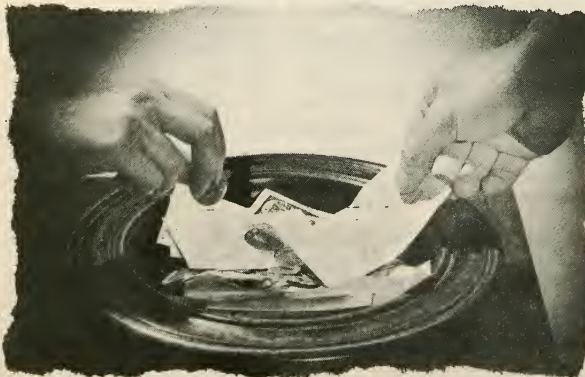
The appeal of Malachi was for a return to honesty and true devotion. He named the basic fault as that of disloyalty to God and the wide-spread practice of failure to bring the tithe to the altar. The solution to the prophet, was obvious—

"Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The blessing promised was forgiveness of the sins of the people and the restoration of the happiness and joy which had once characterized them as a God-serving nation.

The voice of Malachi has long since been silenced but the message he spoke is as valid today as ever. A world, seeped in hatred, its policies and schemes motivated all too much by greed and selfishness, dealing deceitfully and dishonestly in both market place and temple square, might well heed the call to repentance and turn again to God.

Jesus said:
"Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you will will be the measure you get back."
Luke 6:38.





“Bring the whole tithe
into the storehouse—



Lambert

“—there shall not be room enough
to receive it.”

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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

Sermon: "Finding The Right Place"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Special Children's Day Offering will be taken. The Children will worship together in the Sanctuary.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES — 11:15 A.M.

Parents will bring their children to Church by 11:15 Sunday morning.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Young people will leave for Pokagon following church service.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION — JUNE 12 - 15 INCLUSIVE

The Indiana State Convention of the Disciples of Christ will be held at Winona Lake, Warsaw, Indiana from June 12 to 15 at the Billy Sunday Tabernacle. Interesting addresses by outstanding speakers are scheduled.

Dedication services will be held at Barbee Camp on Saturday of the Convention. This is one of our new camps just recently opened.

Winona Lake being within easy driving distance, this is a golden opportunity for all our members to attend some of the very inspirational meetings. You may obtain a Registration blank from the Church Office.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The **McGavran Circle** will meet with Mrs. J. M. Miller, 3613 E. Pontiac St., on Wednesday, June 11, at 1:45 P.M.

The **Dr. Hidgon Circle** will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton on Monday evening, June 9 at 7:30.

The **Montgomery Circle** will meet with Mrs. George Bruckman, 5110 Reed St. on Tuesday evening, June 10, at 7:30. Mrs. Don J. Eyer is assistant hostess. Mrs. Aden Current in charge of program.

The **Allan Huber Circle** will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., on Thursday, June 12, at 12 o'clock noon, to enjoy a pot-luck dinner.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

New Prospective Member

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig in the birth of a son, Allan Orn, born at St. Joseph's Hospital on Wednesday, May 28.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and good wishes to our young graduates. Those graduating from Eighth Grade into High School are: Monte Herr, Betty Moore, Martha Jeannette Beck, Robert Anderson, Billy Kreps, Roger Reynolds.

Miss Marilyn Crouse, Miss Shirley Smelser, Miss Nancy Ann Stull, Miss Jeannette Dedman and Dolye Whitton are among those graduating from High School.

Mrs. Wanda Horn Miller is graduating from Methodist Nurses School.

There may be others who are graduating this year, if so, please call the office as we wish to give them recognition in next week's TIDINGS.

SYMPATHY

Rev. Richard Jones, father of our own Mrs. (Elaine Jones) Conrad, received his final call last week. Brother Jones was one of our fine ministers and was always in our services when possible. The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Conrad in the loss of her father.



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NEW SCHEDULE IN EFFECT BEGINNING JUNE 15

SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY

OUR CHURCH

Week after week, month after month, Herman W. Sigrist, Chairman of our Building Committee, and the Trustees, Sherman Myers, Chairman, Clay Orchard, Bert W. Leversee, Alex. Campbell, Henry Flowers, Gail Roe, Wm. H. Crouse, chairman of our Board, have been looking over the work of our new Church. This does not take into account dozens of other members of the Board and our Congregation. Every move is being weighed and considered for the best interests of the work of the Church, the Cause of Christ, and joy and happiness that shall come to our Congregation.

What leads these people to give of their time, their thought and their energy unstintingly—above even their own business and pleasures? This can be described in two words, love and consecration to God—We, the Congregation are grateful for this leadership.

That our congregation is grateful is shown in the way pledges are being paid and contributions are being made to our new church. Ours is not a wealthy church. Even so, then, it is important that every member share in this great enterprise. We are told that love begets love. And since God so loved us so we ought to love one another. Few places can so demonstrate our love. As we give to our new church which serves not only the giver but all others of our congregation we express our sincere love for one another.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.
Sermon: "Deep Memories"

Special Music
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercise. Members will go directly to Classes.



Everybody's going TO VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

BIBLE
STORIES
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GAMES
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WORSHIP
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SONGS
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ACTIVITIES

The vacation church school is widely used to afford effective Christian education activities for children. It is also an excellent means of reaching the unreached children in the community for the church.

Reports from churches of Disciples of Christ for last year show that 1,343 conducted their own vacation schools and 933 cooperated in schools with other churches. This is an increase of 400 over the previous year. (Many schools were not reported in the annual Year Book report.)



TEACH ALL NATIONS

"Go ye . . . teach all nations" is the commission under which Christian evangelists and teachers, doctors and nurses serve around the world. They walk in the footsteps of the little group of disciples who were first to be witnesses "in all the world."

Foremost in the line of service are the children, and according to the heritage of 70 years a Children's Day offering is given each year in our churches and church schools—that the Gospel may be preached unto them. Sometimes the results are surprising.

Thirty years ago Miss Ruth Musgrave, missionary for Disciples of Christ in Congo, made a long itinerary through villages in the back country, preaching and teaching. As she left each village she placed in the hands of some one person a copy of the New Testament with the admonition that it be read to others, even though there were no Christians in the village.

In one village a small boy saw that Book. He desired very much to learn to read it, but he would not leave his home to go to the mission school. However, every time a visitor came to the village he demanded to hear the gospel read, and he did learn to read for himself—the hard way.

This year Miss Musgrave has been located at the Ifumo station. Among the first to greet her at this new post was one of the village evangelists. The boy who had determined to read the Bible is now a witness, teaching others not only to read but to understand the words of Scripture.



THE COVER — Mrs. Robert Nelson teaching a group of boys and girls at one of the Christian Churches in the hill country of Jamaica. Mrs. Nelson, with her husband, is in the states for furlough, preparing to return to this mission field.



"Stories of Jesus,
Tell Them to Me"

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday evening, June 17th at 8 o'clock. A 35 minute program "America Sings" will be presented by the Allen County Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Edgar DeForest. Mrs. Maurice Cook, pianist, Mrs. Laurel Kelsey is chairman of the group and Mrs. Edw. Ouellette will be narrator.

Mrs. Robert T. Beck will install the new Officers and Group leaders and will give a short worship program.

Following the program a SILENT AUCTION will be held in the Social Room of the Church. This is open to the public. All men and women of the Church and their friends are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served by the Montgomery Circle and the Esther Circle and Dr. Higdon Circle are in charge of hospitality.

At the close of the entire program, Mrs. Dare, President of C.W.F., will conduct a short business session.

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A Breakfast is being planned for the women of the Christian Women's Fellowships in the State of Indiana at the State Convention on Friday morning at 7:30 A.M. Get your reservation in.

THE BOOSTER CLUB THANKS YOU!

Fine response from many of our members who brought in their Building Fund Banks boosted the Boosters Club total, turned in to the building fund, to \$973.72. A total of \$47.17 came in in the miracle banks during the last three Sundays including \$27.11, June 1.

If you did not get you new bank, pick it up in the Social Room where a supply is to be kept on the south table. You may leave your filled banks there or in the office next Sunday if you forgot them during the last two Sundays. It possible bring them in the first Sunday of each month during the Summer.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

The parents and babies taking part in the Service of Dedication last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovell and son, Richard A. Lovell II; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Rayl and son, Donald Glenn Rayl; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Hall and son, Steven Craig Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ashe and son, Robert Warner Ashe; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daring and daughter, Loutricia Ann Daring; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Bubaker and son, Randall Kent Brubaker; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Koomler and daughters, Cheryl Kay and Linda Sue Koomler. Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse and Mrs. R. K. Schrecongost assisted.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to extend best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Copeland in the birth of a son, Lawrence Evan, Thursday, June 5. Also, we wish to congratulate Miss Wilda Donohue on her graduation from High School last week.

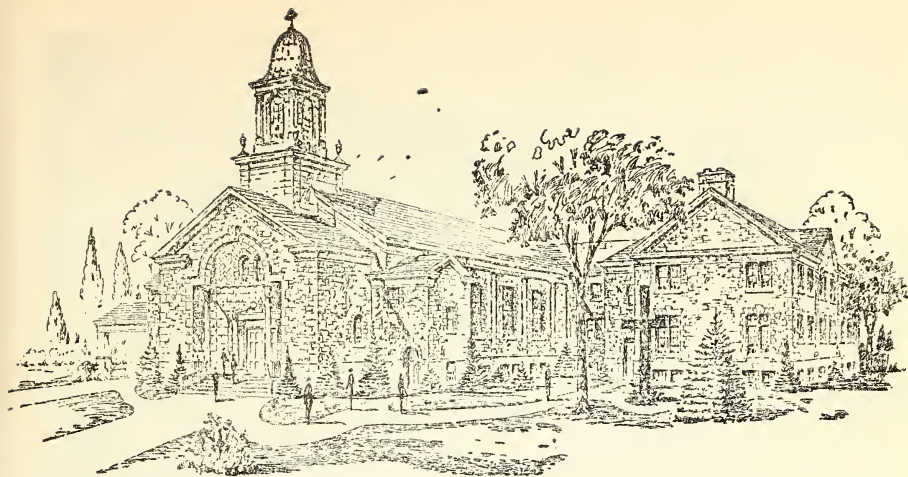
NOTES

The C. A. Fraternity is placing the announcements in our Order of Worship Program on Sunday. Wendell Rose and Steven Tracey served last Sunday. Soft ball Tuesday, 9:30 P.M., McMillen Park. Back our team!

SYMPATHY

In the death of Mrs. Charles B. Whitman, our Church has lost a most faithful and appreciative member. Our Sympathy goes out to Mr. Whitman and her dear ones.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Charles Ludwig in the death of her father, Mr. Taylor of Bloomington, Indiana. Mr. Taylor was an Elder in the Christian Church of Bloomington. Mrs. Ludwig is a member of our Women's Commission on Hospitality.



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SUMMER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT

WE BELIEVE

In Russia we read of no Church building program. In America, in an effort to put religion on the highest possible plane, there is today the greatest Church building program in the history of our Nation.

In Russia there are slave labor camps; no labor problems, save the problem masters have with slaves. In America, we are proud of the wonderful labor conditions that exist in our great factories. The news last week told of the employees buying one of the greatest newspapers in America.

In America where Christian Churches have an expanding program, there is a deep yearning for peace in the heart of the people. No time in human history have a people given so much of food, equipment, and skill to help the peoples of other nations progress. In Russia, there is suspicion, controlled news, artificially generated hatred for people of other nations; a cold, cruel using of men and women, with no sense of individual worth.

No new spires are rising in the Russian Sphere of influence and brotherhood is at a low ebb. Every Church in America is an effective answer to Russian atheistic paganism.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.
Sermon: "Surviving Our Day"

Special Music
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercise. Members will go directly to Classes.

JUST THINK WHAT A LITTLE COULD DO!

Something over \$25,000 remains on pledges to be paid on or before October the first. We are being urged to pay as rapidly as possible, for every dollar paid now will mean less interest for the Church. Much of this amount is small balances on many pledges. Each one is inclined to think, "A small amount is not needed badly." But multiply that by 250 or 300. It is easy to see that the sum will be quite large. Just think what a little could do with every one doing it.



Girls' Dormitory, Hazel Green Academy

AN ANNIVERSARY

Pearre Hall, Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, reaches an important milestone this year—fifty years of service to youth of the Kentucky mountains. This two-story, red brick building, erected in 1902, was named for Mrs. Caroline Neville Pearre, organizer of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, who directed the plans and made the building possible.

Until 1929 Pearre Hall served as school building. When the girls' dormitory burned that fall, it was decided to convert the school building into a dormitory and construct a new brick school building.

Pearre Hall houses 30 girls this year, with some faculty members. On the ground floor are the kitchen and dining room for the whole school.



EVANGELISM THROUGH PICTURES

Our missionaries in India have sometimes been surprised and gratified by some of the unusual evidences of the impact of the Christian message upon the non-Christian population.

In a recent letter from Peter Solomon, pastor at Damoh, he reports a great demand for pictures of Christ from his non-Christian friends. A government officer expressed great interest in a picture in Mr. Solomon's home.

The letter says, "I gave him a copy of the picture in which Jesus is knocking at the door, along with a copy of the New Testament. He bought a fine frame for the picture and placed it in the main entrance to his home, where it can be seen easily and clearly."

Admiration for this single print led to so many requests from other friends that the supply was exhausted.

LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD

—Hunt



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NOTES

The flowers in the Sanctuary last Sunday were from the Evening Guild, honoring Rev. Richard Jones, father of Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad. We wish to express our appreciation for the beautiful flowers.

Our Softball game Tuesday, 24th, 8:00 P.M., McMillen Park.

Warren Munson suffered a fractured leg in a bicycle fall. Carol Lytle was injured in a bicycle mishap.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Leo E. Miller is very ill at his home, 2210 Ardmore. He is unable to have visitors.

THE IDEAL CHRISTIAN LAYMAN

Not dead but alert;
Not dead but dedicated;
Not worriers but workers;
Not seat warmers but soul-winners;
Not masters of men but servants of God;
Not possessive but progressive.
Men of vision and vim, who will venture for
Christ and His kingdom until victory.

—The Rev. Oliver Hurst

ARE YOU PREPARED TO LISTEN

"Take Heed How Ye Hear" (Lk. 8:18)

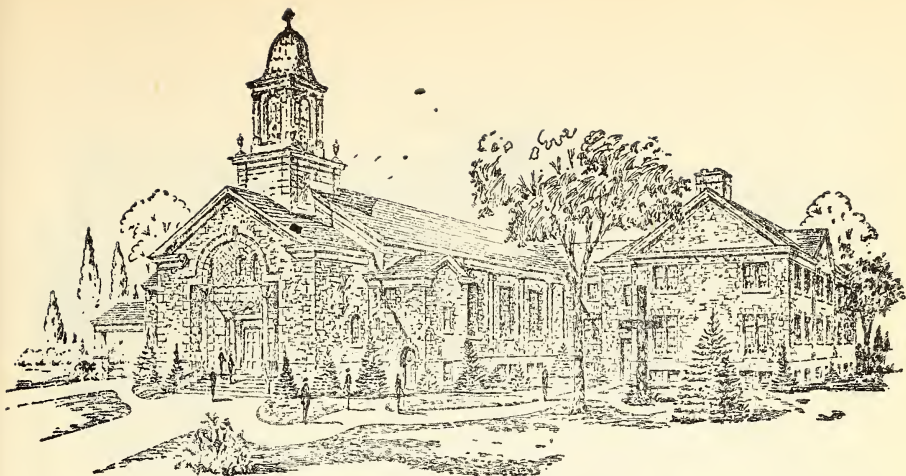
It was Spurgeon who once said it takes two to make a sermon—a preacher and a hearer. Much attention has been devoted to the former; many books have been written on the art of preaching.

Surprisingly little, however, has been written on how to LISTEN to a sermon. This is one of the neglected arts—the art of HEARING. Yet our Lord had much to say on the matter. He often made use of the phrase: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

It is to be feared that more often than not, when we come to these words, we simply skip over them. Many a service of worship has been ruined because the congregation was spiritually deaf to the words that were proclaimed. How is one's responsibility when the Word of the Living God is being proclaimed! Have we realized the preparation we should make before coming to the House of God to hear His Word?

It would be strange for a minister to enter the pulpit unprepared to preach. It should be equally strange to see men and women coming into the pews unprepared to hear. It is to the extent that we have prepared ourselves that we shall be able to receive. And if we come lightly and thoughtlessly into the service, with our minds full of many things we shall go away having received nothing—and perhaps under the impression that the preacher has been at fault.

The Beacon, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.



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SUMMER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT

THE IDEAL RULER

In these days when there is much interest as to the coming nominations for president, it is interesting to hear what the Bible has to say about the ideal ruler. Isaiah envisions him.

"The spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him. A spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and the fear of Jehovah."

In his zeal to administer justice and to judge the cause of the helpless, he shall prove an everlasting father of his people.

He will not judge according to what his eyes see; nor decide according to what his ears hear; but with righteousness will he judge the helpless, and with equity will he decide for the needy of the Land.

Paul powerfully develops as though the ruler were a Knight to deliver the oppressed. "He will smite an oppressor by the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips will he slay the guilty. Righteousness will be the girdle about his loins, and faithfulness the band about his waist."

The supreme achievement of the reign of this ruler is that man will cease to prey upon his fellow men and all will be inspired by the intimate knowledge of Jehovah.

"Men shall not harm or destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of Jehovah."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.
Sermon: "A Citizen"

Special Music
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercise. Members will go directly to Classes.



Temporary building, housing primary grades of Chinese Mission School, Nakon Pathom

Opportunity In Thailand

Although our cooperation in mission work in Thailand began only last year, as we joined forces with our British brethren, it presents a challenge for service among some three hundred and eighty-six thousand people in the area. At the town of Nakon Pathom there is work among the Thais and the Chinese.

In some ways the evangelistic opportunity among the Chinese people is really greater than among the Thai, who enter more into educational and office work and feel the force of public opinion favoring Buddhism. There is also a flourishing primary school for Chinese, and the two doctors on the hospital staff are Chinese.

The Chinese Church at Nakon Pa-

thom is self-supporting. Pastor Lo, the leader, came here from South China 20 years ago and served efficiently for several years. Later he returned to his old home for a time, but four years ago, when the Communists were approaching, he came back. He knows our work, and the Chinese Christians throughout the district look to him as an old friend and counsellor. Pastor Lo cares for the Chinese Church work in Nakon Pathom as well as preaching at the Bon Pong outstation.

Bon Pong is a town nearly the size of Nakon Pathom with a population of about 25,000. Here there are 18 Christians, and there is hope that in the near future a church may be organized.

Dollar-A-Year Men

Roy T. Combs, Indianapolis layman, was recently named dollar-a-year-man to assist the national men's work staff of the United Society in 1952-53. He was approved by the Board of Trustees in the April business meeting, in Indianapolis. A member of Centenary Christian Church, Indianapolis, Mr. Combs is Marion County Auditor and serves as chairman of the Marion County laymen's organization of the Disciples of Christ.

Mr. Combs is one of seven laymen working with men's groups across the brotherhood. Others recently approved for a second year of such service are W. B. Pearce, Shreveport, La., Lewis J. Ackers, Abilene, Tex., C. Ed Smith, Yakima, Wash., E. White, Jacksonville, Fla. Two men named in the fall of 1951 were Joseph Morrison, Stuttgart, Ark., and Joe Snapp, Paris, Ky.



Roy T. Combs



Together We Build

Mrs. Edna Gish plans with Pastor Lo (right) and two young people for the youth program of the Chinese Christian Church, Nakon Pathom, Thailand.

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IT IS AS PLAIN AS THAT

Why make the Church strong? The Church represents the unseen "eternal lifting force" that is to save the world from total disaster. The great reforms were conceived and sponsored by the Church's leaders. The social order is undergoing change. This challenges the Church to bring order out of this chaos. To meet the situation our children must face, they need the direction and guidance of the Church. In the Church is the best place to share our abilities and resources.

What clear words come as we build a Church to God. We want to share in its building. Let not passing pressures take from God that share which belongs to Him. How easily our Church's cost could be paid, our program enlarged, our community and world helped, if we did the minimum of giving 10% to our church.

DO I NEED THE CHURCH?

To say I do not need the Church is mere bravado. I needed it when my father died. I needed it when we were married, and when our babies were taken from us and I shall need it sooner or later, and need it badly.

—Edgar A. Gust.

THIS SUMMER

Look through our Church Hymnal, select the hymn you would like to have sung. Some time later you will be given an opportunity to list your favorites and then for several Sundays we shall try to use as many of the hymns as possible.

AMONG OUR SICK

James Evans is ill at his home, 932 W. Wildwood, suffering from blood poison. Mrs. Millie Scherrer is in the Bluffton Clinic for observation.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mrs. James Hirschy and Mrs. Lewis Groves in the recent loss of their brother, Howard M. McCormick. Also, our sincerest sympathy goes to Mrs. Howard McCormick, Garth and Kathleen McCormick in the loss of husband and father.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Royal J. Dye Circle members and their families will have a picnic dinner on Wednesday evening, July 2, at 6:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, 334 W. Fleming. Drink and rolls will be furnished. Please bring your table service.

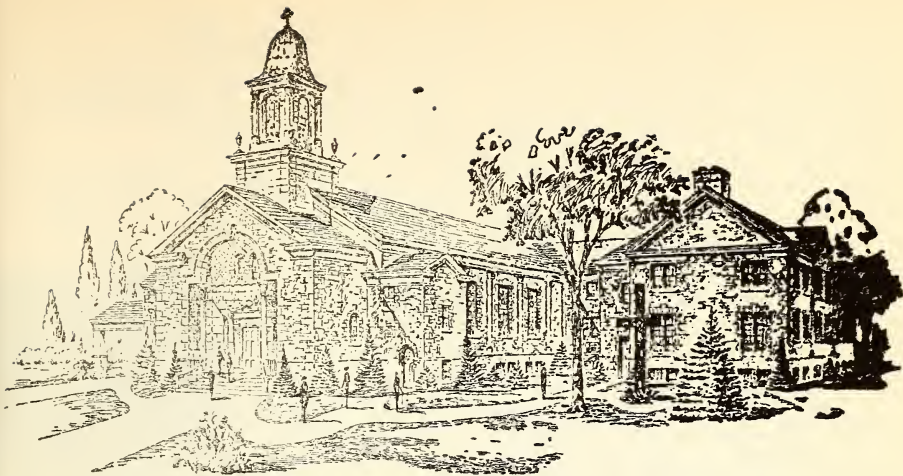
THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class is having a picnic at Lakeside Park on Sunday, June 29, at 12 o'clock Noon. Members and friends of Class are invited. Please bring your table service, picnic basket and your own drink.

NOTES

Among those who have been and are on summer trips are Mrs. Orpha Yost and Miss Ruth Yost. Mr. and Mrs. William Vunora writes us from Florida of a new experience there. Often the minister receives orders of worship from churches where our people attend when away.

Wherever you are, go to Church on Sunday.



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LEAVING STATUES IN THEIR HEARTS

The instinct of giving is fairly strong in all of us. Just to get, get, get, turns sour on the getter. The lady of Genoa specified in her will that that portion of her money she did not spend should be used for a life size statue of herself in the public square. Those who work with public causes know few would imitate that lady. One gives first to her friends, then to good causes.

A real test of our giving is the mark of self-sacrifice—giving what you yourself need or want. A real genuine philanthropist gives his own away.

But the final test is that giving which emerges from the love of God. Out of pure love for God and one's neighbor.

This will test our giving, to the Church. And as to statues, yours will be in the hearts of those who receive your gift through the Church of our beloved Lord and Saviour.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.

Special Music

Sermon by Mr. Paul Bilby, State Chaplain of Gideons.

Guest Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercise. Members will go directly to Classes.

THE NEW BUILDING

The tower is expected to be put in place before the end of this week. It is hoped that grading about the building can be done sometime this month or the first of next.

The Building Committee, as it sees the Church nearing completion, wishes to remind all of us that money paid now on the building fund is most needed and welcomed.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Paul Dilby, State Chaplain of Gideons, will speak Sunday morning; Our own pastor will be away on vacation.

"What Are You Saying To Students?"

Estes Park, Colorado, has been selected as the site for the annual Disciples Student Workers' Association Conference this year. The dates are August 21-26.

Plans include an opening address by James L. Stoner, of the National Council of Churches, to present the theme of the conference, "What are you saying to students?"

Others on the program are Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of the United Society; Dr. Harlie L. Smith, Board of Higher Education; Dr. W. J. Kitchen, World Student Service Fund; Charles L. Kemp, author of "Physicians of the

Soul"; and L. Benjamin Schmoker of the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students.

Recreational plans include two trips into Rocky Mountain National Park, campfires and sings, a hike, a picnic, and an outdoor vesper service.

Some of the sessions of this association of adult sponsors of student Christian work will be held jointly with the National DSF Ecclesia conference, which represents the leadership of Christian student groups. The latter conference will place emphasis on prayer and worship.

Summer Conferences

Colegio Ward's 30 acres of shady campus, commodious dormitories, ample dining hall and gymnasiums were the scene of four *summer* conferences in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in *January* and *February* this year. Under the auspices of the Christian Education Committee of the Confederation of Evangelical Churches, the Executive Secretary, Dr. Paul Andress, effectively planned and carried out these conferences which brought together over 250 young people and adults from 8 religious groups.

The Disciples furnished five leaders and 31 conferees. Feliciano Sarli directed the Intermediate Conference and Mr. Andress the Adult-Family Conference. All our Argentine

churches were represented, 3 conferees coming from Resistencia.

The morning devotional talks were given under a large oak tree, after which all scattered to favorite nooks for meditation. The rest of the day's program, not counting the special program for the children in the Adult Conference and the happy fellowship at meals, included classes, swimming, recreation, sports, free time, and the campfire beneath the tall eucalyptus trees as the spiritual climax. The Southern Cross was a permanent symbol of the Christian spirit prevailing.

At one of the campfires Norberto Sarli, youngest son of our Saavedra pastor, and Osvaldo Gaiducchi of the Colegiales Church made their decision to study for the ministry.

Dining hall of Colegio Ward, Buenos Aires, Argentina





R.N.S. Photo

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." Ps. 90:2

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 6—Owen Vaught, Robert Clipp
13—Alan C. Bell, Joseph M. Fitch
20—Henry M. Flowers, Wm. H. Crouse
27—Dr. A. C. Worley, John Z. Berlien

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

R. K. Schrecongost, Captain, H-0493; Marvin L. Crouse, Donald E. Coffman,
Dale C. Hiler, Eppie R. Baker, J. W. Haffner, Cecil A. Kinzie, E. T. Fusselman.
If unable to serve, please call your Captain.

JULY OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board meeting for July has been postponed. It will be held on
Tuesday evening, **July 15** at 8 o'clock.

NOTES

The Church quarterly statements will go into the mail this week. Enclosed will
be an envelope for "Campsite." Through these envelopes, with **each family**
paying 50 cents per quarter, we will meet our Church Goal of \$1500 during the
coming three years.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Jimmie Presnell, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Presnell had an
attack of polio last Saturday. However, he is doing nicely and will not go to the
hospital. They live at 2122 Webster St.

Mrs. Harold J. Beck, 1701 Spring St., is quite ill at her home.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Mrs. J. C. Koegel and her family in the recent
loss of a Son-in-law, Mr. Elsworth Thomas.

SUNDAY IS BANK DAY

Bring in your Building Fund Bank Sunday (each first Sunday of the month)
and exchange it for a new one. Leave it in the office or on the south tables in the
Social Room. New banks are available in the Social Room or in a box at the
head of the stairs.

THERE'S A BOOK FOR YOU IN OUR STORE

The Boosters Club "store" has been moved to the Social Room for the Summer
convenience of our members. It is stocked with 75 books, many of them pub-
lished this year. All of the books have been donated and are available to you
at bargain prices. Among the most attractive buys are "American Foreign Policy,"
by Luther Halsey Gulick "The Age of Danger," which comprises contemporary
major speeches on American problems, and "Tales of the Two Borders," by Walter
O'meara. Other selections include religious and cultural topics and mystery and
general fiction volumes.

WEDDING BELLS

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, who were recently united in marriage.
Mr. Young is a faithful member of First Christian.



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FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, JULY 11, 1952

Number 40

YOU ASK ME WHY I GO TO CHURCH

They keep old truths in memory green,
You ask me why I go to Church?

I give my mind a careful search.
Because—I need to breathe the air where
There's an atmosphere of prayer.

I need the hymns the churches sing—
They set my faith and hopes aring;
They keep old truths in memory green,
Reveal the worth of things unseen.

Because my neighbor needs to go—
His faith in right is rather low;
He needs the Church to hold him fast

To those great truths that always last
And when he sees me on my way
It draws him to the Church to pray;

And both our hearts are lifted up
To heavenly places where we sup.

Because my boy is watching me

To note whatever he can see
That tells him what his father thinks,
And with his eager soul he drinks
The things I do in daily walk

The things I do in daily talk;
If I with him the Church will share,
My son will make his friendships there.

Because the Church builds up the state,
Breaks down the barriers of hate
And helps to spread unselfish life,

Allay all bickerings and strife;
Sustains a wholesome public health,
And builds a righteous commonwealth;

A joyous place in which to live
With all the blessings God can give.

—Church News

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.

Sermon: "Who Is Dominating You?"

Special Music

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercise. Members will go directly to Classes.

Why I attend Sunday School and Church when It Rains . . .

Because the third commandment does not except the rainy Lord's Day.
Because I insist on the teacher and the pastor being there whose contract is no
more holding than mine.

Because my presence helps more on rainy days than on bright days.

Because an example which cannot stand a rain is of little account.

Because the rain did not keep me from tea last Monday, nor dinner last Wednesday,
nor any other day in the week.

Because every day we omit obscures some truth we should have known.

THEREFORE, I will go to Sunday School and church, rain or shine. —Selected

Ministers' Institutes Popular

Two institutes for Negro ministers are held annually in North Carolina under the joint sponsorship of the department of church development and evangelism of the United Society and the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Although the programs vary from year to year, their primary purpose is to give practical training in the field

of evangelism, religious education, worship and churchmanship.

A new high in interest and response was reached this year in those convened at Spring Green Church, Plymouth, and Greenleaf Church, Goldsboro. Thirty-three ministers were enrolled in the Plymouth institute and thirty-seven at Goldsboro.



New Horizons In India

A vast new field which is particularly receptive to the Christian message is opening up in the Khond Hills and the West Utkal or Orissa regions of India.

These two districts have heretofore been supervised by the British Baptists, who are overwhelmed by the large area which they seek to cover, and by the great numbers of people who welcome their ministry.

Mr. Donald West, executive secretary in the division of foreign missions of the United Society, has recently returned from a survey of this area. He recommends the cooperation of our brotherhood through the present India Mission.

Mr. West found a "wonderfully real" welcome from both the British missionaries and nationals, and an area of many hundreds of miles ripe for evangelism.

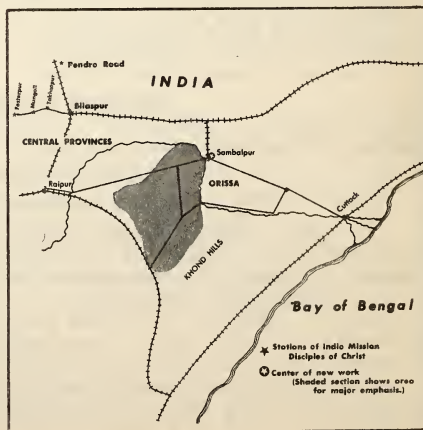
The natives in this new territory are influenced less by Hinduism, which hampers the work in the Central Provinces. The Khonds are known as "animists." (Animists are worshippers of animals, nature, evil spirits, and spirits of the dead.) They are comparatively better off economically in this region,

and respond with touching eagerness to any efforts to convert them.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin White, who had been serving at Kotmi Station of the India Mission of Disciples of Christ, moved into this new area in April. They will live in Sambalpur, 230 miles from Bilaspur in Central Provinces. Christians are found in villages within 10 or 15 miles of that city. However, Mr. White will give major attention to the people of Gara, an area farther south and west of Sambalpur.



THE COVER: *Typical village in the Khond Hills of Orissa.*





New Doors Open

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OUR PASTOR

Our Pastor will be present in his pulpit this Sunday, refreshed and rested after spending a week attending the American Ashram at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, July 15 at 8 P.M. at the church.

HOME BANKS

Bring in your Building Fund Bank Sunday, if you have not already done so, and exchange it for a new one. New banks are available in the Social Room or in a box at the head of the stairs.

Visit The Boosters Club store in the Social Room. Books are available at bargain prices.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes to Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet and her family in the recent loss of her father.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The July meeting has been postponed due to vacations among the members. There will be an August meeting, the time will be posted later.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to welcome the new little daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Presnell, on July 3rd.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Many of the people who have had so much to say about religious persecution abroad would be very indignant if we told them they were creating the same loss of culture and spiritual life at home.

For what difference does it make whether they quit the worship of God because they have to—or because they just don't care?

The results are the same, empty churches, empty hearts, empty lives. —Copied

THE CONSECRATED CAR

He couldn't speak before a crowd,
he couldn't teach a class,
But when he came to meetings,
he brought the folks "enmasse."
He couldn't sing to save his life,
in public, couldn't pray,
But always his "jalopy" was just
crammed on meeting day.
And though he could not sing,
nor teach, nor lead in prayer,
He listened well, he had a smile,
and he was always there
With all the others he had brought,
who lived both near and far—
And God's work prospered—for he had
a Consecrated Car!

—Anon



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HONESTLY

When all is considered—what makes you tick—what makes you run is the most serious business. Religion therefore takes the major spot. It deals with the soul. And it is the soul, which aroused, becomes the mightiest force in the world.

Today the cry is that the Reformation, started centuries ago, be completed. For many years the National Capitol in Washington City remained uncompleted, and it presented only the expression of an ideal unfulfilled. Completed now it is a most impressive symbol of our great Republic.

Let us complete the Reformation beginning in our own hearts with a loyalty to Christ that will make the spirit of our church uplifting and outreaching. Honestly, we ought to take our church most seriously and complete the task our fathers started.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.

Special Music

Sermon: "The Emerging Church"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercise. Members will go directly to Classes.

Outlook In Japan

To understand the place of social service in the work of the church in Japan, it is necessary to consider social and economic conditions there.

Some industries have recovered their pre-war levels. In the cotton spinning industry, for example, production is now about 40 per cent of capacity.

However, for the great mass of the people there is no adequate housing, no money for medical bills, and food and clothing are scarce. The cost of consumer goods is very near that in the United States, while the average income of the Japanese is one-ninth of that in America.

Some 250 packages of relief clothing and food distributed last year by our Japan Mission were not sufficient to meet the desperate need of the families whose homes had been burned or whose dwelling-places were a dry spot under a bridge.

Our pastors themselves find it impossible to meet the cost of living from their salaries. Yet they are busy day and night in the work of the church.

One pastor holds a Bible class every week for 300 inmates of a prison, and a Sunday service for 63 Christians there.

Another is active in child welfare

work. In another church the women's group has provided clothing for needy children and collected funds for a playground.

Under the auspices of the Mission the Jewel Pool Orphanage, a foundling home, has been operated for about four years, taking in small babies who are abandoned.

A hospital is conducted, known as the East Tokyo Institute. With capacity for 22 in-patients it also serves about 60 out-patients daily, and distributes milk for babies under one year old. A day nursery is operated. It is the hope of the future that the Institute will become a social center for the community.



A Woman Speaks

For the first time in the history of Disciples of Christ a woman served as president of the International Convention, in Chicago on May 19-23.

Dr. Marvin Sansbury, elected president in Oklahoma City, found it necessary to relinquish his duties because of illness. To Mrs. James D. (Mossie) Wyker, first vice-president, fell the honor of delivering the opening address and presiding at many of the sessions.



Older children
and nurses at Jewel
Pool Garden.



**Bear Ye One Another's Burdens and So
Fulfill the Law of Christ.**

(Gal. 6:12)

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OUR NEW CHURCH

Going by our new building we can begin to realize the beauty it will express as the roof is being applied. The plaster is expected to arrive any day which will release the plasterers who are ready to begin their work.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

Our minister in the next weeks will be speaking on "The Emerging Church." In this he will discuss what the modern church's program should be in a city such as Fort Wayne.

It is well for us to lay plans now for a great program which is made possible by our new building.

Do not miss any of the services.

INDIANA CHRISTIAN LAYMEN RETREAT — BARBEE LAKE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 — SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Under the direction of Rev. William McKinney, National head of Christian Men's Fellowships, the men of the Christian Churches will hold a Laymen's Retreat. Our own James Shockney, teacher of the Men's Class and owner of the Pontiac Paint and Color Store, will direct the singing. Get your reservation in early for this Retreat at our beautiful newly acquired Camp. 3 nights — 6 meals will cost \$6.50.

WEDDING BELLS

On July 5th, Harry Griggs and Miss Caroline Edging were united in marriage. Rev. Griggs, Mr. Griggs' father officiated. Mr. Griggs is a member of our Choir and active in the work of the church, David Griggs, his brother, is a deacon in our church.

A cordial welcome awaits Mrs. Griggs with the best wishes to both of them.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Christian Women's Fellowship Circles are selling Christmas cards again this year. Some of the circles have their samples on hand. If you wish to order early call one of the leaders for an appointment. Please reserve your orders for the C.W.F. Be sure your cooperation will be appreciated.

PERSONALS

Cards were received from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly in Minnesota and from Mr. and Mrs. Ned Klotz in Florida. Herman W. Sigrist is in Minneapolis attending the National Meeting of Auctioneers, of which he is a member of the board of trustees.

WHY NOT?

Why not bring a guest to church next Sunday when our Pastor speaks about our new church.



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FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Number 42

PHILLIPS BROOKS ADDRESSES HIS CONGREGATION

You who are letting miserable misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up someday; you who are keeping wretched quarrels alive because you cannot quite make up your mind that now is the day to sacrifice your pride and kill them; you who are passing men sullenly upon the street, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet knowing that it would fill you with shame and remorse if you heard that one of those men were dead tomorrow morning; you who are letting your neighbor starve, till you hear that he is dying of starvation; or letting your friends' heart ache for a word of appreciation or sympathy, which you mean to give him someday; if you only know and see and feel, all of a sudden, that "the time is short," how it would break the spell! How you would go instantly and do the thing which you might never have another chance to do!

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.

Special Music

Sermon

Rev. Robert E. Roschey, Guest Preacher

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercise. Members will go directly to Classes.

WHY NOT TITHE?

Matthias Baldwin, who was the founder of a **great locomotive works**, set aside one-tenth of the earnings of the Company to be used for religious and educational purposes. At one time his business was encountering grave financial difficulties, there were no funds left to tithe, so he made out notes signed by himself, which were later redeemed and fully paid. During this time of crisis, his associates asked him to stop this tithing, but he cried, "why, that is my one safe investment."

Another man said, who tithes, "You can beat the bank of Monte Carlo once in awhile but you can never beat the bank of God and His law. As ye give ye shall receive. It gives forth its riches only to those who obey this law."



Volunteers for missionary service, accepted as candidates in June, 1952.

There's Work Ahead

Twenty-six young people of our churches were accepted as candidates for missionary service abroad in the June meeting of the board of trustees of the United Society.

They come from east and west, north and south — Washington, Iowa, Alabama, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, New Jersey, West Virginia, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Kansas—eager to find the avenues through which they can give their lives to full time Christian service.

There is work ahead for these youth. Each has had outlined for him the educational preparation he will need for

the particular service he expects to render. From this group will come doctors, nurses, teachers, evangelists, specialists in agriculture, music, religious education, etc. Each will witness for Christ in word and deed.

In addition to scholastic training there will be actual experience in summer internships for many.

Mr. E. K. Higdon is executive secretary of missionary selection and training for the United Society, and with other members of the foreign missions division guides candidates in their preparation for missionary service.

Evidence of Brotherhood

Because the churches of Disciples of Christ are bound together in a brotherhood, the problems of one become the concern of all.

The United Society is aware of the problems of churches, and ministers to them in many ways. Through the department of church development and evangelism, small financial grants are made, in addition to other assistance in program, materials, etc. Such service is necessarily limited by the funds available.

For 1952-53, approval was given by the board of trustees for continued aid to 49 churches in the United States and Canada, also to one evangelist and 13 state and regional workers. Four new churches were added to the list in June.

THE COVER—Miss Jane Davis of Birmingham, Alabama, commissioned for missionary work in Belgian Congo on June 16 at Missions Building.



"Here Am I, Lord,
Send Me."

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OUR NEW CHURCH

Just at this time the work at the Church seems to go slowly. The roof is being covered. The organ chambers are being prepared. Soon we shall see our organ being moved and being re-arranged and we shall have to use the piano until we are in the new church.

The plaster which was delayed has arrived. Pray that the people who will find a happy Christian life in our church will be attracted to our congregation.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Robert Cocherille (Phyllis Getz) was the soloist last Sunday. It was very pleasant to have her with us again.

Carolyn Stauffer and David Stauffer are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught. Mr. Richard Stauffer is principal of a new and modern High School in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Paul Strawser has spent part of his vacation on North Lake Superior.

Mrs. Robert T. Beck and Martha Jeannette are visiting Mr. Beck's father in New Haven, Conn.

Ray Barnett is visiting his sister, Mrs. Earl Fusselman and his mother. Before Ray left for California he was on the Committee that selected our new church site.

Alan Bell and family are vacationing in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller and son, Robbin, are taking a trip through Southern Indiana, visiting parks and places of interest.

HONORED

Herman W. Sigrist was elected Vice-President of the N.A.A. (National Association of Auctioneers) at the recent national meeting in Minneapolis. Mr. Sigrist lectures at the famous Leppert School of Auctioneers at Decatur, Indiana. He has also written a book on the subject of auctioneering.

WELCOME YOUNGER GENERATION

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weicker are the parents of a baby girl born July 22nd. Mother and daughter are doing nicely. Congratulations to these faithful members. Mrs. Weicker is a member of our choir. Mr. Weicker is a deacon.

SPEAKER SUNDAY

Rev. Robert E. Roschey, Secretary of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne.

The Church Secretary, Mrs. Vaught, will be on vacation the next two weeks. contact Mr. Boschet, H-79951 during this period.

PARABLE OF THE VACATIONIST

Now it came to pass, as the summer drew nigh, that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said, "Lo, the hot days cometh and even now are at hand. Come let us go unto the heights, where cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes await."

"Thou speakest wisely," quoth Mrs. Church Member. "Yet, three, yea, four things must we do before we go."

"Three things I can think of, but not four," responded Mr. Church Member. "We must arrange for the flowers to be weeded, the chickens fed, and the mail forwarded, but the fourth eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first three, yet more important than all. Thou shalt dig down into thy purse and pay thy Church Pledge that the good name of the Church be preserved, and that it may be well with thee, for verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member paid his pledge for the summer, and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "Of a truth, there are those who care for the Lord's work."

And it was so.

**INDIANA CHRISTIAN LAYMEN RETREAT — BARBEE LAKE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 — SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**



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BACK BONES, JAW BONES, WISH BONES

The heading gives three kinds. There is another—Bone Heads.

There is no hope for the latter. Once a Bone Head, always a Bone Head. If there is ivory instead of gray matter, no use trying to make a change.

The Wish Bones hope our town will grow better and better, but all they do to bring it about is wishing for it.

The Jaw Bones are busy telling the rest of us what to do, how to do it, and when to do it, and why it should be done, that they have no time to help. About as useful as a snow shovel in August.

The Back Bones are the real people. They have determination and strength of character. When they see that something must be done, they do it. They are the city's big people—big in business, community life, the professions and the church.

San Antonio would not only stand still, but would go backwards were it not for the Back Bones. They are respected by the Wish Bones, feared by the Jaw Bones, but the Bone Heads do not know what it is all about.

The Back Bones will be much in evidence on Sunday. They always spend part of that day at a certain place. Those places are the Back Bone of the community. The cream of our people can be found there. Why not do the same and stop being skim milk?

Graft energy on your Wish Bone, cut jaw out of the other bone and it will become a Back Bone. Sunday is a good time to do it.

Thank you.

—Charles L. Brooks

—from Contact, Central Christian Church, San Antonio, Texas

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.

Special Music

Sermon by Rev. Roy L. Thorp, Indianapolis, Guest Preacher.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercise. Members will go directly to Classes.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE TIDINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1st

A New Era Is Opened

No longer will the old distinction between so-called "sending" and "receiving" countries apply in Christian missions.

The United Church in Christ of the Philippines has announced it is sending a missionary and his wife to work in Indonesia and Thailand. Another couple, a young doctor and his wife, are also under consideration for mis-

sion work sponsored by this church.

Last year the United Church of North India sent a missionary couple to East Africa to work among 160,000 Indians and Pakistanians in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika.

May the time soon come when no longer will the distinction be made between "foreign" and "home" missions.

A New Dean For S. C. I.

Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, will welcome a new dean when the fall term opens.

Mr. John Perpener of Fort Worth, Texas, has been appointed by the trustees of the United Society to that position. He is a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, and has continued his education at Texas College, Tyler, Texas, Butler School of Religion, and the University of Colorado where he will receive his doctor's degree in edu-

cational administration in August.

Mr. Perpener has also had a wide experience in the teaching field, as principal of St. Paul High School at Greenville, Texas, and on the faculty of Texas College.

Southern Christian Institute is conducted under the auspices of the United Society for Negro youth. It offers classes for elementary grades, high school and junior college. Enrollment is approximately 500 per year.

Students of S. C. I. take advantage of a mobile tuberculosis X-ray unit.





How lovely is the silence of green growing things . . .
All praise Him in their beauty — keeping still.

Lucy A. K. Adee

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THE NEW CHURCH

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The arrangement of our church speaks for the Church of today and tomorrow.

The Church of Christ is for the ages, and so our church is a greeting to generations yet to come.

Our pastor will continue his discussion of the "Emerging Church" on Sunday, August 10, depicting how our new building is functional, built to meet the needs of the religious man, his whole needs.

Port Cochere is well nigh complete as you will note when you drive out to the new church.

Pray that those who wish to serve God and who will be happy in a Christian Church may find their way to First Christian.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Roy L. Thorpe, Indianapolis, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, August 3rd. Mr. Thorpe was pastor of the First Christian Church, Centralia, Illinois, before accepting the call from the Board of Directors of United Promotion to become the Director of Stewardship for the Disciples of Christ. It will be a real privilege to hear Rev. Thorpe next Sunday.

OUR PASTOR

Rev. Beck will be in his pulpit again on Sunday, August 10. We welcome him back.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman entertained Mrs. Fusselman's brother, Mr. Ray Barnett at a party given in his honor on last Friday evening. Mr. Barnett was a loyal member and officer of this church before moving to California to make his home.

Gael Munson, brother of the late Grant Munson, passed away on Tuesday, July 22. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to his family.

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THE LORD'S DAY

1. He that remembers not to keep the Christian Sabbath at the beginning of the week, will be in danger of forgetting, before the end of the week, that he is a Christian."

2. "A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden, it is the joyous day of the whole week."

3. "I feel as if God had, by giving the Sabbath, given fifty-two springs in every year."

4. "The law of the Sabbath is the keystone of the arch of public morals; take it away, and the whole fabric falls."

5. "O what a blessing is Sunday, interposed between the waves of worldly business like the divine path of the Israelites through the sea!"

—Useful Quotations, Grosset and Dunlap

BE THINKING ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER.

CONTACT YOUR GROUP LEADER!







